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In the village of Chamoux, at the foot of Mont Blanc, reside several men who, during the summer months, make a business of enabling tourists, on payment of a few centimes apiece, to follow through powerful telescopes the progress of climbers on the mountain.

One of these, early one morning, was scanning the summit, previous to adjusting his instrument, when he was amazed to see two men running at full speed down the steep, snow slope of the Cote du Dome. Within a few minutes the foremost of the twin fell headlong into a crevasse, to be followed almost immediately by his companion.

OVERCOME WITH HORROR. The sole witness of the tragedy was so overcome with horror and astonishment that for a full minute he could not remove his eyes from the place, his feet from the ground. Then, suddenly, he dashed down the village street crying out that two madmen had just committed suicide by hurling themselves from the summit of the great white mountain.

Subsequent investigation proved that the supposed suicides were a guide and a porter respectively, who had attempted the ascent the day before, accompanied by two young Frenchmen. But a terrific storm had come on, the tourists had perished from cold and fatigue, and their companions, rendered temporarily insane by their sufferings, had started to race down the Giant of the Alps much as children run from the top to the bottom of a sand hill.

LEFT TO DIE. Watchers through telescopes amid the inner mountain solitudes of Switzerland are used to strange sights. Blood-curdling screams are current of men, boys and women, too, dashed to these icy fastnesses and deliberately murdered—pushed into a crevasse and abandoned to their fate, or left to die of exposure on some wind-swept, inaccessible plateau.

These affairs are generally hushed up. There is nothing to be gained, and much to be lost, by frightening people away from the "Playground of Europe." But occasionally ugly facts leak out. One notorious case will doubtless be remembered, albeit more or less vaguely, by many who read these lines.

PUSHED OVER PRECIPICE. A secondarily adventurer, one of those handsome human fiends, who make a trade of murder, and choose for their victims the most beautiful and desirable life heavily in his own favor, took her on a honeymoon trip to Zengade, and deliberately pushed her over the precipice.

Of course, the murderer was careful to give the alarm at once on returning to his hotel, and was loud in his lamentations for the young wife he had lost, so that no suspicion was aroused at the time in the immediate neighborhood. Fortunately, however, the murdered girl had a brother who had been devoted to her, and who had from the first mistrusted the man she had mated.

Certain circumstances coming to the gentleman's knowledge, he journeyed secretly, and in disguise, to the neighborhood where the tragedy had taken place, and after long and elaborate search, he succeeded in discovering nearly ten miles away from the actual scene of the crime, and on the opposite side of the mountain side from which the ill-fated lady had been thrust to her death, while police officers watched alternately, through the self-same telescope, from the self-same spot, whereupon the shepherd had stood the day the actual deed was committed.

DRAMATIC ENQUIRY. The trial which followed the arrest of the murderer, was one famous in criminal annals; but the most dramatic incident took place during the preliminary inquiry on the spot. The tragedy was virtually reconstructed, dummy figures being thrown from the exact spot on the mountain side from which the ill-fated lady had been thrust to her death, while police officers watched alternately, through the self-same telescope, from the self-same spot, whereupon the shepherd had stood the day the actual deed was committed.

The evidence thus gathered sealed the prisoner's fate when it came to be tendered in court. For the details of the murder as sworn to by the principal witness, the shepherd had to wit, corresponded in every particular with those observed and recorded by the officers in the course of their experiments with the lay figures.

There was executed in the Transvaal, shortly after peace had been signed, a surrendered Boer—one of the very few who were visited with the death penalty for acts committed during the war. No one will deny, however, that this one richly deserved his fate. Pretending that he desired to surrender, he deceived a British officer to within fifty yards or so of where he was sitting, and then suddenly snatched up a rifle from among the long grass at his feet, and shot him dead.

SAW THE MURDER. The perpetrator of this dastardly murder doubtless imagined that he could do as he did with impunity. He had previously scanned the veldt, east, west, north and south, and he was quite sure that, save only his already doomed victim and himself, there was no one within sight or hearing. But he had forgotten the range of the modern field telescope. From a distant kopje a solitary vedette saw through his telltale glass every detail of the tragedy, and was able to swear to his identity. It is doubtful, though, whether there is any single one, among the long list of telescopic observers, who can identify that can vie in wholesale horror and dramatic intensity with that which was witnessed by the man who, early in January, 1878, while sweeping with a powerful military glass the exit from the Schlipa Pass.

He was expecting two battalions of infantry, armed, alert, and victorious. Instead, there debouched from amid the joyous Balkan fastnesses a few scores of strange-looking figures, who stumbled and staggered like drunken men as they walked, and waved their arms stiffly in wild, unmeaning signals to their comrades below.

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