

to progress very rapidly. When the flames *were* discovered, the alarm ran through the city, and the firemen were instantly on the spot. The flames were soon extinguished, but not until the whole interior of the building was consumed.

On examination after the fire was extinguished, the remains of human bodies were found within the walls, and the members of the family were all missing.

The police were soon on the alert, and the keen eye of justice was searching every corner of the city. No surviving members of the family could be found, and no former inmate of the house, except the servants. These were examined, but as none of them had been accustomed to sleep in the mansion, except Mrs. Stuart, and she not having been found, no information could be elicited.

Lampanas and Lavine had changed dresses, thereby changing their appearance in such a manner that they could not be recognised. For some days they thus lived secure from apprehension.

It being sufficiently evident that robbery, arson, and murder, had been committed in this case, and on so distinguished a family, every good citizen, independent of the police, took it upon himself as a matter of duty to be on the keenest look-out.

One day Lampanas went into the street for the purpose of procuring some milk, inadvertently taking with him one of the small silver pitchers formerly used at the mansion. The milkman noticed the pitcher, and thought it did not precisely accord with the appearance of the dwelling from which Lampanas came. The circumstance was mentioned to one of the police, and a search was immediately instituted. One or two articles were discovered bearing the name of Amel. Lampanas and Lavine were consequently arrested, and it was ascertained that neither was dressed in the appropriate garb of the sex. They were compelled to exchange dresses, and lo! they were immediately recognised as Mr. and Mrs. Stuart.

"The murder was out," and Lampanas and Lavine were fully committed.

The prisoners were manacled and placed in the carriage with the officers, who conducted them to jail.

Not a word was exchanged between the prisoners and the officers as they passed along, until Lampanas, suddenly raising his fettered hands, exclaimed, "See! see!"

"See what?" inquired the officer.