

receiving any answer I supposed he was asleep or absent. I then took off my shawl and went to Bouvrette's to warm myself.

"I asked Mrs. Bouvrette whether she had seen my husband; she answered no. Mr. Bouvrette then came in and said, 'I am going to fetch your mare to shoe her, as your husband told me.' It was then ten minutes past eight. I did not tell Mr. Bouvrette to go and fetch my mare. After that I went to the church, and after mass I returned home. I did not have the key of the house; I had left it with my husband. Mr. Bouvrette went around the house and knocked at the windows while I was away. I then asked him to bring a screw-driver in order to unfasten the outside sash. He did so. He then opened the window and entered the house. I asked him to open the door. After he had done so I went into the house to put down my music books. I do not remember having asked Mr. Bouvrette to go and see where my husband was, because I was afraid. When he came back he told me not to go.

"I ran toward him and I saw my husband's shirt full of blood. Mr. Bouvrette then told me, 'Come home with me, I am going to get somebody.' I went with him. I saw that my husband was on the bed. I do not know whether the door of the room was open or shut."

Q. When did Parslow leave your house?

A. He must have left after me. I did not see him go out. I do not think anybody can enter the house from outside. The door must be opened from inside.

Q. Did Parslow have a key of your house?

A. I was in the habit of leaving the key on the table or on the organ, or any place easily reached.

At this point the Coroner showing the knife, asked the witness:

Q. Do you recognize this knife?

A. Yes, it belongs to me, it must have been with the other knives in the drawer of the sideboard. I seldom made use of it. The last time I saw it, it was clean and in good order.

The Coroner then showed the witness various objects found on the victim after the crime. These objects were: a watch, the ring of which has been taken away, a chain broken in three pieces, a red handkerchief spotted with white flowers, a purse, a rosary, a tobacco pouch and the key of a trunk. The witness recognized these objects as having belonged to her husband. "My husband," said the woman, "was accustomed to wind his watch every day at supper time, about six o'clock."

When the watch was found it was not going. The time shown by the hands was twenty minutes past six. As it was broken when found, this must be the time at which it stopped.

"I washed the handkerchief you have shown me, Sunday morning. The last time I saw his watch and chain, these two articles were in perfect order."

At this moment the coroner asked the following questions:

Q. Did your husband have his life insured?