

Staunton Trial.

worthy woman, but unable to look after it. On the Tuesday Louis Staunton, under the name of Harris, gave the undertaker an order for the funeral.

On Thursday, the 12th, Louis Staunton and Mrs. Patrick called on a Mrs. Chalklin, who kept lodgings at 34 Forbes Road, Penge. They wanted apartments for an invalid lady from Cudham. The local doctor did not understand her case, and they wanted better advice. The lady was "inclined to be paralysed," and her head had become affected. Her general health was good, and she could eat perfectly well, but it was difficult to get her to take food. A bedroom and sitting-room on the first floor were taken at 15s. a week, and Mrs. Chalklin being asked to recommend a doctor, gave the name of Mr. Dean Longrigg, upon whom her visitors immediately called. They explained that they wanted him to attend a Mrs. Staunton, a lady of weak intellect. In answer to his questions, they averred that she was paralysed on the left side, but cleanly in her habits, and though hearty, extremely thin. She had been ill for some time, and she had been attended by Dr. Creasey, of Brasted, but he lived too far away, and could not give the requisite attention. Mr. Longrigg promised to pay the invalid a visit between eleven and twelve the next morning.

Cudham is about 7 miles from Bromley, and, as the 8.26 up train was signalled at Bromley station that evening, a wagonette drove up containing the four Stauntons and Alice Rhodes. Harriet Staunton was with great difficulty got out of the vehicle, and half-dragged, half-carried to a first-class carriage, in which the whole party took their seats. They alighted at Penge, a quick ten minutes' run, and here again Harriet had to be lifted on to the platform. While a cab was being fetched she was placed in a chair, on the suggestion of the stationmaster; she was speechless and barely conscious, but she was seen to stretch out her arm and heard to groan. Next she was hoisted into the cab, and on arrival at the lodgings carried out again by the driver, and put to bed at once. The landlady saw her in bed moaning and making a gurgling noise. Mrs. Patrick informed her that the lady had been very ill on the journey, and they could not account for it. In the course of