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One moonlight night "Mr. Farmer" took down his gun and filled the Ethiopian full of buckshot, which consequently was the occasion of the first Coroner's Inquest.

A jury, composed of the dearest friends of the Agriculturist and decidedly opposed to the methods of the departed, was hastily empanelled, and headed by the Coroner they viewed the remains of the connoisseur of melons.

They then adjourned to an improvised Court Room in a nearby tavern, and proceedings were opened by the newly appointed Coroner, who read his instructions received from Ottawa, and generally directed the jury to find a proper verdict.

After an absence of half an hour or so, the jurymen filed solemnly