

The BELTED SKELETON

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The doctor was pronounced to be that of a man not more than thirty years old, about five feet nine inches in height and of powerful build. Death, it was determined, probably had been caused by a blow from some heavy weapon, a club or the butt of a rifle, just

son as a witness. He pulled from a pocket the pipe he had found by the plum tree and which he had meantime restored to its original condition. Holding this before Johnson he asked him sharply if he knew whose it was.

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