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THE MYSTERY AGATHA WEBB

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Sutherland made another effort.

me that. Who killed her?"

ble mind, he cried:

Let's go to Jericho."

silk to my funeral?"

aside and said:

fashioned cupboard.

land.

drawer?"

"I will try."

they alluded to that one?"

drawers were seen at their back.

"One is and one is not."

"It is empty," said he.

Mr. Fenton did so.

"Are they locked?" asked Mr. Suther-

"Suppose you begin, then, by looking

on her person. It should be in her

The perfect serenity of her countenance struck him.

pocket, if no marauder has been here.

"Hanging to her neck, then, by

"No; there is a locket here, but no

key. A very handsome locket, Mr.

"Never mind, we will see that later;

"Stand by her, Fenton. Don't let any

"I will not leave her for an instant."

"Meanwhile, I will put back these

He had scarcely done so when

fresh arrival occurred. It was one of

CHAPTER IV.

A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN.

This gentleman has some infor-

mation to give. As he was returning

home from the bedside of a sick parish-

ioner some little time before he had

held something in his hand that glit-

tered, and, though the encounter near-

one rob her of that key till the coroner

it is the key we want just now."

"Ah! A point, Fenton."

"Good heavens!"

"A great point."

the village clergymen.

"What is it?"

underneath."

books."

"It is not in her pocket."

string.

"Open the one that is unlocked."

thing else.

not see any place set here for her?"

don't care for poor old man like me."

"The pussy cat! It was the pussy

cat. Who's killed? I'm not killed.

and led him upstairs. Perhaps the

sight of his dead wife would restore

same indifference he showed to every

"What did the old man mean by say

they better off than they seem?"

"Philemon, where is your wife? I do

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Zables, yet there were many others SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS. In order that new readers of THE EN-QUIRER may begin with the following installment of this story, and understand it just the same as though they had read it all from the beginning, we here give a synopsis of that portion of which has already been published:

The story opens with the close of a ball after daylight in the morning. While the guests are leaving the house Frederick Sutherland dashes out frantically and disappears in the woods on the other side of the road. Agatha Webb is found up stairs murdered. The body of Batsy, the cook, is found hanging from a window. Philemon Webb, Agatha's husband, is discovered sitting before a dining table asleep, with a smear of blood on his coat

CHAPTER III. A MENTAL WRECK.

As they re-entered the larger room they were astonished to come upon Miss Page standing in the doorway. She was gazing at the recumbent figure of the dead woman, and for a moment seemed unconscious of their presence.

"How did you get in? Which of my men were weak enough to let you pass against my express instructions?" asked the constable, who was of an irritable and suspicious nature.

She let the hood drop from her head and, turning, surveyed him with a slow smile. There was witchery in that smile sufficient to affect a much more cultivated and callous nature than his, and though he had been proof against it once he could not quite resist the effect of its repetition.

"I insisted upon entering," said she. "Do not blame the men. They did not want to use force against a woman." She had not a good voice and she knew it, but she covered up this defect by a choice of intonations that carried her lightest speech to the heart. Hard visaged Amos Fenton gave a grunt, which was as near an expression of

approval as he ever gave to any one. Well, well!" he growled, but not ill naturedly. "It's a morbid curiosity that brings you here. Better drop it, girl. It won't do you any good in the

eyes of sensible people." "Thank you," was her demure reply, her lips dimpling at the corners in a way to shock the sensitive Mr. Suther-

land. Glancing from her to the still outlines of the noble figure on the couch,

he remarked with an air of mild re-

"I do not understand you, Miss Page If this solemn sight has no power to stop your coquetries nothing can. As for your curiosity, it is both ill timed and unwomanly. Let me see you leave this house at once. Miss Page, and if in the few hours which must elapse before breakfast you can find time to pack your trunks, you will still further oblige me."

"Oh. don't send me away, I entreat

you." It was a cry from her inner beart which she probably regretted, for she instantly sought to cover up the anxiety it showed by a submissive bend of the head and a step backward. Neither Mr. Fenton nor Mr. Sutherland seemed to hear the one or see the other, their attention having returned to the more serious matter in hand.

"The dress which our poor friend wears shows her to have been struck before retiring." commented Mr. Sutherland, after another short survey of Mrs. Webb's tigure. "If Philemon"-

"Excuse me, sir," interrupted a voice, "but the young woman is listening to what you say. She is still in the hall." It was the young man speaking, who had been left in the hall.

"She is, is she!" exclaimed Fenton sharply, his admiration for the fascinating stranger having oozed out at his companion's rebuff. "I will soon show her"- But the words melted into thin air as he reached the door. The young girl had disappeared, and only a faint perfume remained in the place where

"A most extraordinary person," grumbled the constable, turning back, Sutherland, with"but stopping again as a faint murmur

came up from below. "The gentleman is waking," called

up a voice whose lack of music was quite perceptible at a distance. With a bound Mr. Fenton descended the stairs, followed by Mr. Sutherland. Miss Page stood before the door of the room in which sat Philemon Webb.

As they reached her side she made a little bow that was half mocking, half comes and we are at liberty to take deprecatory, and slipped from the it." house. An almost unbearable sensation of incongruity vanished with her, and Mr. Sutherland, for one, breathed like a man relieved.

"I wish the doctor would come, Fenton said, as they watched the slow lifting of Philemon Webb's head. "Our fastest rider has gone for him, but he's out Porchester way, and it may be an hour yet before he can get here." "Philemon!"

Mr. Sutherland had advanced and was standing by his old friend's side. "Philemon, what has become of your been run against on this very corner by a man rushing out of the gateway guests? You've waited for them here

till morning." The old man with a dazed look sur veyed the two plates set on either side of him and shook his head.

"James and John are getting proud." said he, "or they forget, they forget." James and John. He must mean the feeble way, showing that he was

Philemon was a clean shaved man. encounter, he replied that it was after 11 and before 12, for he was in his own

"Did you look up at these windows before leaving?" asked Mr. Fenton, for this interview had taken place in

the presence of the dead. "I must have, for I now remember

"Were the shades up?" "I think not, or I should have noticed

broke into the house this morning?" inquired Mr. Sutherland of the con-

"Just as they are now; we have moved nothing. The shades were both down-one of them over an open win-

"Well, we may find this encounter "Agatha's dead and you know it," of Mr. Crane's of decided importance." thundered back the constable with ill "I wish I had seen the man's face," judged severity. "Who killed her? Tell

A sudden quenching of the last spark saw glittering in his hand?" "I should not like to venture an

opinion. I saw it but an instant." fashioned dagger?"

"Alas, poor Agatha! That money, and simple! Unhappy life, unhappy death! Fenton, I shall always mourn for Agatha Webb."

him. But he looked at her with the "I don't like her calico dresses," said "She might have worn silk, but she wouldn't. Agatha, will you wear The experiment was too painful, and they drew him away. But the constable's curiosity had been roused, and after they had found some one to take care of him he drew Mr. Sutherland for certain charities. As it was always for sick or suffering children I"-

ing she might have worn silk? Are Mr. Sutherland closed the door before "They are rich," he declared to the utter amazement of the other. "That is, they were, but they may have been no children living"-

robbed; if so, Philemon was not the "They have lost six, I have been told." "So the Porchester folks say. They

probably had no heart for display or for even the simplest luxuries. At all events they did not indulge in them." "Philemon has long been past indulging in anything."

but on taking them down a couple of "But why do you think her death was due to her having money?" "She had a large sum in the house,

> "And is it gone?" "That we shall know later."

Mr. Sutherland cast a look toward the dead woman, and again the perfect serenity of her countenance struck to leave the room.

"I do not know whether to regard her words and but little given to emotion. as the victim of her husband's imbecility or of some vile robber's cupidity. question. Can you find the key to the other

"Who is the young woman who is standing outside there, the only one in

Mr. Sutherland, moving rapidly to the window, drew aside the shade. "It is Miss Page, my housekeeper's niece," he explained. "I do not understand her interest in this affair. She followed me here from the house and could hardly be got to leave this room, into which she intruded herself against

my express command." than Philemon, it seems to me."

There was some reason for this remark. Guarded by the high fence from the gaze of the pushing crowd without, she stood upright and immovable in the middle of the yard, like one on watch. The hood which she had dropped from her head when she thought her eyes and smile might be of use to her in the drawn over it again, so that she looked ing, breathing woman. Yet there was menace in her attitude and a purpose in the solitary stand she took in that circle of board girded grass which caused a thrill in the breast of those who looked at her from that chamber

of death. tered the minister. "And one that I neither countenance

dismissing her from my house." The coroner gave him a quick look, "It is in her band; the one that lies seemed about to speak, but changed his mind and turned toward the dead | cated.

BLOOD ON THE GRASS.

The inquiries which followed elicited one or two new facts. First, that all the doors of the house were found stable had been among the first to no disarrangement had been made in the rooms with the exception of

Batsy's removal to the bed. Then, his attention being drawn to the dead woman, he discovered the key in her tightly closed hand.

asked. They showed him the drawers in the

away into the darkness in a dazed and open both these drawers." "Then let it be made use of at once.

had not been able to see his face, but whether theft has been committed here open it. noticed the ends of a long beard blow- as well as murder." And drawing the ing over his shoulder as he hurried key out he handed it to Mr. Fenton. The constable immediately unlocked me through." the drawer and brought it and its con-

the now empty drawer.

find it full of mysteries."

"Batsy's death, for instance?"

that she was found dead too."

"Without a wound, doctor."

"Just as I feared," said he. "She

has been robbed of her ready money.

It was doubtless in the other drawer."

"How came she by the key, then?"

"Oh, yes, Batsy! I had forgotten

"She had heart disease. I doctored

"The look of her face confirmed

"Let me see. So it does. But we

"I would like to explain before any

further measures are taken how I

money in her house," said Mr. Suther-

Judy came in. Had Mrs. Sutherland

She, pointing to the grass at her feet, said quietly, "See this?"

our dignity this woman rushed into our

presence panting with news and told

us all in one breath how she had just

come from Mrs. Webb, who had a pile

of money in her house; that she had

just seen it with her own eyes; that go-

ing up stairs, as usual, without knock-

ing, she had seen Mrs. Webb through

the crack of the sitting room door

walking toward the fireplace cupboard

with a huge roll of bills in her hand;

that listening she heard her say: 'Just

fifteen hundred! Too much money by

far to have in the house.' After which

she heard first one lock turned and

then another, and, satisfied that the

money had been put into some recepta

cle in the cupboard, she crept out as

quietly as she had come in and ran

away to tell the neighbors. Happily

was the first one she told, but I have

no doubt that in spite of all my injunc-

tions she has related the news to every

"Was the young woman I see dow

yonder at the table with you when

Judy told this story?" asked the coro-

Mr. Sutherland pondered. "No; I do

not think she was. Frederick was seat

ed at the table with me, and my house

keeper was pouring the tea, but Miss

She has been putting on great airs of

"Can it be possible that he does not

know that his son Frederick wants to

The constable shook his head. Mr.

Sutherland was one of those debonair

marry this girl?" muttered the clergy-

man into the constable's ear.

ner, pointing toward the yard.

one who would listen."

late."

must have an autopsy to prove it."

her for it. The fright has killed her."

Asked if he could give the time of his tents to the table. "No money here," said he. "But papers as good as money," announced the doctor. "See, here are house by 12. deeds and more than one valuable

bond. I judge that she was a richer woman than any of us knew." Mr. Sutherland meantime was looking with an air of disappointment into

they were both lighted."

the ceiling of the room. I remember seeing nothing." "How were the shades when you

answering to these names in town. Mr stable.

"Agatha's sick, Agatha's cross; she

remarked the latter. "What did the object look like you

of intelligence in the old man's eye was the dreadful effect of these words. Laughing with that strange gurgle "Could it have been a knife or an old which proclaims an utterly irresponsi-

"It might have been." something she so despised, should cause the death of a creature so grand Mr. Sutherland took him by the arm

> "Yet she seems to have found peace at last," said the minister. "I have never seen her look so contented." Then leading Mr. Sutherland aside he whispered; "What is it you say about money? Had she any considerable amount of it? I ask because in spite of their humble means of living she always put a generous donation on the plate, and I have received more than once during my pastorate an unexpectedly large and anonymous contribution

"Yes, yes. I have no doubt it came from her. She was by no means poor, though I myself never knew the extent of her means till lately. Philemon was a good business man once, but they evidently preferred to live simply, having

wretch who killed her. I have been told that she kept her money in an old

He pointed to a door set in the wall over the fireplace, and Mr. Fenton, percelving a key sticking in the lock, stepped quickly across the floor and open-"Oh, he likes his comfort, and he has ed it. A row of books met his eyes. had it too. Agatha never stinted him."

and there are some who knew this."

As the coroner arrived at this moment the minister's curiosity had to wait. Fortunately for his equanimity no one had the presumption to ask him The coroner was a man of but few

Yet they were surprised at his first

the yard?"

Page had not yet come down, I think. "But look at her attitude." It was Mr. Fenton who spoke. "She's crazier

"A mysterious young woman," mut-

Sutherland. "I have just shown her and, pointing to the grass at her feet, the displeasure I feel at her actions by

CHAPTER V.

woman.

unlocked, and, secondly, that the concome in, so that he could vouch that

"Where does this key belong?" he

in a state of great agitation. This man cupboard. "One is empty," said Mr. Sutherland. "If the other is found to be in the ly upset them both, he had not stopped same condition, then her money has to utter an apology, but stumbled been taken. That key she holds should

neither young nor active. The minister It is important that we should know young girl laid her hand on the gate to

"Won't you help me?" she asked. "The crowd is so great they won't let

"Won't they?" The words came from without. "Just slip out as I slip in, and you'll find a place made for you." Not recognizing the voice, she hesitated for a moment, but seeing the gate swaying, she pushed against it just as a young man stepped through the gap.

"Ah, it is you," he muttered, giving her a sharp glance. "I do not know you," she haughtily declared, and slipping by him with such dexterity she was out of the gate

Necessarily they came face to face.

before he could respond. But he only snapped his finger and thumb mockingly at her and smiled "That is one of the mysteries of the knowingly at Abel, who had lingered affair. This murder is by no means a simple one. I begin to think we shall to watch the end of this encounter. "Supple as a willow twig, eh," he laughed. "Well, I have made whistles

out of willows before now and-halloo! where did you get that?"

yonder. It was lying on the floor of the of our final presentment. inner room, almost under Batsy's skirts. Curious sort of flower. I won- we did not deem it necessary to visit

der where she got it?" The intruder betrayed at once an uncame to know that Agatha Webb had accountable emotion. There was a that made Abel shift rather uneasily generally in good condition; but we call strange glitter in his light green eyes land as they stepped back into the other room. "Two days ago I was sitting on his feet. "Was that before the pretty minx you have just let out came in with my family at dinner. Old gossip here with Mr. Sutherland?"

"Oh, yes; before any one had started for the hill at all. Why, what has this on them being carried out. young lady got to do with a flower

dropped by Batsy?" "She? Nothing. Only-and I have changes and improvement in the court never given you bad advice, Abel- room, we are glad to state, have been don't let that thing hang any longer and are being made. from your buttonhole. Put it into an hear from me again in regard to it seers to the proper and lawful width of ever chums when little shavers."

the flower and went to cover up the for the convenience of the public, and grass as Dr. Talbot had requested. The ask that they look after the matter. cretly entering the last mentioned gentleman's house after the departure of the last servant.

duietly, "See this?"

As the coroner paused before him he been living she would not have presumed to intrude upon us at mealtime, but as we have no one now to uphold but as we have no one now to uphold thoughts too plainly, "you have often the books of the various county officers, and the last set value adopted by our body, to wit:

To the Grand Jury of York County:

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by your foreman to examine thoughts too plainly, "you have often the books of the various county officers, leave to make the following report: promised that you would give me a job if any matter came up where nice detective work was wanted. Don't you think the time has come to remember

> "You, Sweetwater? I'm afraid the affair is too deep for an inexperienced man's first effort. I shall have to send to Boston for an expert. Another time, Sweetwater, when the complications are less serious."

The young fellow, with a face white various footings of the different townas milk, was turning away. "But you'll let me stay around here?"

he pleaded, pausing and giving the other an imploring look. "Oh, yes," answered the good natured coroner. "Fenton will have work enough for you and half a dozen oth-

ers. Go and tell him I sent you." "Thank you," returned the other, his face suddenly losing its aspect of acute disappointment. "Now I shall see where that flower fell," he murmured.

TO BE CONTINUED.

TEMPLE OF FAME.

A Temple of Fame is to be opened soon in New York, a goodly sum of money having been given for the pur- had, at his command, every dollar he pose. Whose names shall be therein in- is responsible for. This office is well scribed? and how shall these names be kept and references easy made. chosen? were the two practical questions, which were settled by the choice tions, which were settled by the choice pertaining to this office and found of an hundred men—jurists, college same in good condition. I checked all presidents, publicists and editors-to vouchers, also books with settlement act as a jury. Each of the hundred voters is to vote for one hundred names to be inscribed in the Temple, and no name is to be accepted unless it receiv- urer had in his possession ed 51 votes, a majority of the whole. As many votes can be taken as are nec-

essary to complete the list. So far only 30 have been chosen, and 20 more must be selected during the year 1902. All the names are to be of Americans. It is wholly a temple of American fame. The 30 thus far chos-It is wholly a temple of en are as follows, in the order of the

votes received: George Washington Abraham Lincoln 96 Daniel Webster Benjamin Franklin Thomas Jefferson R. W. Emerson rt Fulton Washington Irving Jonathan Edwards D. G. Farragut Nathaniel Hawthorne George Peabody Eli Whitney Horace Mann James Kent Joseph Story John Adams W. E. Channing

ARMY TO BE INCREASED.—Senator Proctor, of the senate committee on military affairs, and Adjutant General of the regular army.

the army, 65,000 regulars and 35,000 volunteers, will be reduced on the 1st mented the doctor. "But she is right day of next July, to 27,000 regulars. Congress will be asked by the president to reorganize the army upon a larger

provide a regular army of about 55,000

Miscellaneous Reading.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

Some Recommendations Have Been Acted Up-Some of the County Officers-Coroner's Of-Use of Coroner-Things Generally in Good this matter be attended to at once. Shape.

The grand jury got through with its work last Wednesday, and before being discharged, submitted the following as its final report:

To the Hon. J. C. Klugh, Presiding Judge: We, the grand jury of York county

beg leave to submit this, our final presentment: 1st. We have passed upon all bills of

indictment handed to us by the solicitor, and returned the same to court with our findings thereon. 2nd. The county supervisor's report relative to the county home, chain gang

He was pointing to a rare flower that and magistrate's records, was received hung limp and faded from Abel's but- as information. It is a very commendable report, and without further com-"This? Oh, I found it in the house ment we submit the same as a part 3d. After scrutinizing said report

> the county home and chain gang at this time. 4th. A committee of our number visited the county jail and report same ommendations made by this body at a

previous term of court, relative to venilation in the jail, has not been carried out, therefore, we still insist up-5th. Recommendations made at July term of court relative to certain

6th. We respectfully call attention envelope and keep it, and if you don't of the county supervisor and road overwrite me out a fool and forget we were public roads. Complaints from various parts of the county have been made The man called Abel smiled, took out that the public roads are too narrow

stranger took his place at the gate to- 7th. A committee of our body, conward which the coroner and Mr. Suth- sisting of J. H. McFadden, E. A. Bigerland were now advancing with an air gers and T. A. Mills, was appointed at which showed his great anxiety to July term of court, to make an expert sneak with them. He was that one of and thorough examination of the varithe five musicians whom we saw selowing written report, which adopted by our body, to wit:

beg leave to make the following report: We appointed J. H. McFadden, of our committee, as an expert accountant, to make these examinations, which he has just finished, with the following

I have examined the following officers books: W. W. Boyce, auditor; W. Brown Wylie, clerk; H. A. D. Neely, treasurer; W. H. McCorkle, probate udge: John R. Logan, sherift. C. Carroll, superintendent of education; T. G. Culp, county supervisor. In the auditor's office I checked the

ships, with the abstract made for a settlement with the treasurer, and found them correct. I am glad to state that the auditor has carried out our suggestion of 1899 and has quite an inase on his books for taxation. The books in this office show that reat deal of extra care and work has een given and put on them. We have

never gone through a more complete set of books, especially as to neatness and correctness In the clerk's office, I checked the eash books from the date when the present incumbent took charge of same and found them correct. These books show that the clerk has in his po sion, for which he is responsible to the county, the sum of \$5,872.40. quiring at the different banks of the county, I found that the clerk had \$5, 872.40 on deposit; thus showing that he

In the treasurer's office I made very careful examination of all matters sheets made up for annual settlemen with the comptroller general, and found them correct. In checking up the cash books, I found that the treasto the state and county, \$11,739.71. The treasurer exhibited ooks, which showed, with the cash on hand, that he had on deposit, more

than \$11,739.71, which was verified by statement from said banks. The treasurer's books show that 98 3-5 per cent. of the ordinary county, and 803 per cent. of the poll tax was collect-ed for the year 1899.

The probate judge's books are neatly and correctly kept. I found his bank account greater than his liability. As an officer, the judge is to be complimented on the neatness of his office. The sheriff's books are well kept and are correct, showing an improvement over former years. His assets as an of-ficer are greater than his liabilities. In the office of the county superin-tendent of education, I found the books very well kept. I checked his books with the county treasurer's and found

same correct. The coroner failed to produce ooks when asked for them. Therefore, I did not make any examination of I carefully looked after all of the

county officer's bonds, and found them (as we believe) perfectly good. and kind to me while working in their has been bridge across Catawba river respective offices, and offered any assistance desired, for which I wish to hank them.

I wish also to thank the committee and grand jury for the confidence reposed in my capacity to do this work, and assure them that I have tried faithnd assure them.
Ally to do the same.
J. H. McFADDEN.

We are glad to note that the county commissioners have ecommendations made in 1899, by furnishing the clerk's office with an additional metal case to keep books and working t records in. Also by placing a much Ebenezer needed desk and bookcase in the sheriff's office, and by placing a light near the county treasurer's office, for his Rock Hill road. very much appreciate and tender them our thanks for same.

Respectfully submitted. J. H. McFadden, T. A. Mills, E. B. BIGGERS.

We take pleasure in commending for its completeness and thoroughness,

We recommend that the room now set apart for the use of the coroner, be used as a storing room for the election boxes, and that the county commissioners be requested to see that it is securely locked and cared for. That when the room is in use by the coroner, that on and Others Have Not-Compliments For the said coroner be requested to be careful to protect the property of the county stored therein and be responsifice to Be Locked Except When in Actual ble for the same. And we urge that

> In conclusion we take pleasure in thanking your honor, the circuit solicitor and the officers of the court, for courtesies and considerations extended to us. All of which is respectfully sub-

> > IREDELL JONES, Foreman.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

To the Foreman of the Grand Jury of York county:

Agreeably to the provisions of an act of the general assembly of South Carolina, approved February 19, 1898, requiring the county board of commissioners of each county to make an annual report, at the fall term of the court, to the foreman of the grand jury, on the dockets of the magistrates of their county, and to report any irregularitles shown thereby, we, the county commissioners of York county, beg leave to submit this, our annual report, on

The nine magistrates of the county have submitted their respective dockets to us for examination every three months during the year ending November 1st, 1900, as required by law, and, while some of said dockets are more correctly and neatly kept than the others, we have discovered no irregularities in any of them.

said matter:

There are nine townships in York county, and each township constitutes a magisterial district, and the following is a statement of the amount of criminal work done by each magistrate and constable in their respective districts during the year ending November 1st, 1900: BROAD RIVER TOWNSHIP-G. C. Leech,

of warrants issued, 14; number of convictions, 3; number compromised and paid costs, 2; bound over to court of essions, 4; cases under compromise, 2; not arrested, 2; number sent to chaingang, 0. BULLOCK'S CREEK TOWNSHIP—W. S. Plaxico, Magistrate—Salary for self and constable, \$150. Number of cases, 16: number sent to chain gang, 6: com-

magistrate.—Salary for self and con-stable for criminal work, \$150. Number

mitted to court of general sessions, 4; discharged, 2; committed to county jail, (women), 2; cases compromised, fines and costs collected, \$32.40. BETHESDA TOWNSHIP-A. L. Nunnery, Magistrate.-Number of cases, 8; committed to court of general sessions, 2; compromised, 1; left state, 3; acquit-

ted, 2. Magistrate-Salary of self and constable, \$500; warrants issued, 79; sent to chaingang, 10; committed to ns, 17; compromised, 10; fled, 7; fines and costs paid, \$198.50. KING'S MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP-J.

McMackin. Magistrate.—Salary of self

and constable, \$150; warrants issued, 43: committed to chain gang, 14; discharged, 3; sent to court of sessions, 5; compromised, 2; transferred, 2; fled the county, 6; fines and costs collected, \$113.10. FORT MILL TOWNSHIP-J. W. McElhaney. Magistrate.—Salary self and constable, \$200; warrants issued, 20; com-promised, 4; not guilty, 4; bound over,

; sent to chain gang, 2; committed to jail, 1; paid fines, 7; costs and fines collected, \$44.96. BETHEL TOWNSHIP-S. N. Johnson Magistrate.—Salary self and constable, \$150; warrants, 25; convicted, 8; acquitted, 5; fled state, 6; awaiting trial, compromised, 2; appealed, 1; con mitted to chain gang, 5; fines and costs

collected, \$45. EBENEZER TOWNSHIP-R. M. Anderson, Magistrate.—Salary self and con-stable, \$150; number of warrants, 31; sent to chain gang, 12; sent to court of general sessions, 3; escapes before arrest, 4; withdrawn by prosecution, 3; appeals, 1; not guilty, 3; fines and costs collected, \$90. CATAWBA TOWNSHIP-T. C. Beckham,

Magistrate.—Salary for self and con-stable, \$500. Warrants, 109; convicted and fined, 18; convicted and sent to jail, 16; convicted and sent to chain gang, 15; bound over to court of general sesions, 12; bound over to keep the peace, 1; compromised and paid costs, 2; not guilty, 19; dismissed for want of pros-ecution 1; fied state before arrest, 21; search warrants issued, 35; fines costs collected, \$171.10. The county supervisor, also submits the following statement in regard to

paupers' house, with two rooms, has been built. There are at present 29 inmates in the poor house, 8 of whom are children between 1 and 9 years of and 14 colored inmates, making total of 43. Four have died during the year. The following crops were raised on the farm during the year 1900: Two hundred and twelve bushels of wheat, valued at \$200; 750 bushels corn. valued at 60 cents, \$450; 7,000 bundles of fodder, valued at \$85; hay and oats, valued at \$65; meat and pork, valued at \$72; 20 bushels of sweet potatoes, valed at \$10; 16 bushels of onions, valued at \$10; 224 bushels cotton seed

the county poor house: The superin-

endent's house has been neatly paint-

ed since last court, and also another

valued at \$60; 8 bales of cotton, valued at \$400; total, \$1,352. The amount of money paid out for supplies, farm work and salaries during the year, amounted to \$1,500. The following report on the chaingang is also submitted by the county

The public roads and bridges of the

county are in a fair average condition Since the last meeting of this court, The chain gang, since last report, finished work in Bullock's Creek township, where a great deal of grading was done and about one mile of macadam road built. The gang then worked for several months in Broad River township and then spont three months working in King's Mountain township, and, after doing some work in York township, was transferred to Fort Mill ing has been done, and about one n of macadam built. The gang has been working for the past three weeks in township, putting in abutments to bridges and opening up a new road between Neely's Ferry and the

The general health of the gang has been very good, with the exception of one convict who had consumption and who was transferred to the state penitentiary. The average number on the chain gang during the past year was 28; the

mum, 16, the number we have at pres-The cost of the chaingang for the past year was about \$3,546.54.

maximum number, 38; and the mini-

Respectfully submitted, T. G. CULP, County Supervisor.

men whose very mildness makes them impenetrable. The coroner on leaving the house was followed by Mr. Sutherland. As the furtherance of her plans had been fine figures of the two men appeared on the doorstep a faint cheer was more like a statue in gray than a liv- heard from the two or three favored persons who were allowed to look through the gate. But to this token of welcome neither gentleman responded by so much as a look, all their attention being engrossed by the sight of the solitary figure of Miss Page, who still held her stand upon the lawn. Motionless as a statue, but with her eyes fixed upon their faces, she awaited their ap proach. When they were near her, she nor understand," interpolated Mr. thrust one hand from under her cloak

> said quietly: "See this?" They hastened toward her and bent down to examine the spot she indi-

Sutherland, whose eyesight was not "Blood," responded the coroner, plucking up a blade of grass and sur-

veying it closely.

suggestive a glance that Mr. Suther land stared at her in amazement, not understanding his own emotion. "How are you able to discern a stain so nearly imperceptible?" asked the coroner.

turned toward the gate. "A most unaccountable girl," com about these stains. Abel," he called to the man at the gate, "bring a box or barrel here and cover up this spot. I feet till the jury I shall soon call shall

S. F. B. Morse 80 "What do you find there?" cried Mr. Elias Howe 53 Gilbert Stuart Asa Gray 51 "Blood," echoed Miss Page, with so

Corbin, of the war department, held an informal conference with the president last Saturday relative to the legislation to be asked of congress in "Imperceptible? It is the only thing connection with the proposed increase I see in the whole yard," she retorted, "Under the existing law," said Senaand with a slight bow which was not tor Proctor at the conclusion of the conference, "the present strength of without its element of mockery she

"My judgment is that congress will feet till the jury I shall soon call shall have had an opportunity to look at it."

Abel started to obey just as the will be enacted at the coming session."

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I have no doubt that this legislation services as an expert, the usual amount paid for such work, viz.: \$20.