

# BENDER FAMILY.

### The Mystery As to These Notorious People Revived.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO

They Caused a Black Chapter in the History of the State of Kansas. Their Tavern and Inn was the Scene of Many Guet Murders.

The question as to what became of the notorious Bender family has been revived, says a dispatch from Topeka, Kansas. Most people for years have believed that the Benders escaped from Kansas and are still living some where. But Dr. James A. De Moss, of Thayer, declares that the Benders are all laid to rest in unmarked graves near Thayer, and that he knows the exact spot.

"I have in my possession," said he "the names of eight living persons who can tell the public, if they would, where the Benders are buried and why identified their bodies before their burial. They can point out the graves of that wicked family. To establish a historic fact and for the purpose of removing any doubt about the matter, the bodies should be exhumed. If some one will aid me I shall under take the task."

**THE BENDERS IN KANSAS.**  
Kansas has had many revolting crimes committed within her borders, but none ever equalled the Bender crimes, except possibly the shooting of Lawrence. The Benders lived on the main traveled road, about half way between Thayer and Cherryvale. That was in the early 70's. There were four in the family. Old man Bender and his wife and son and his wife. The son's wife claimed to be a medium and had great influence over the members of the family. They sold refreshments and fed travelers who happened along about real time. Their house had two rooms, and the partition consisted of a calico curtain. In the early spring of '73 people began suddenly to disappear around that section of the country. They would start out on the Thayer-Cherryvale road, and that would be the last seen of them. They would drop completely out of sight.

**WHO THE VICTIMS WERE.**  
In March of that year William York, a brother of Senator York, who played an important role in the Pomeroy senatorial scandal, started from Fort Scott to Independence. He dropped out of sight. Shortly afterward the Bender family disappeared. The first time they were missed was when a neighbor found a calf tied to a tree dead in the yard. The calf had died of starvation. The people then became curious and began an investigation. They found a trap door in the house and it opened to a pit about six feet in diameter. The ground floor was soaked with blood. On the floor of the pit were the bodies of some of the victims. Some of the bodies were discovered. A neighbor thought he would dig down and see what he could turn up. He soon struck a corpse. When removed it was identified as that of William York. The investigation continued and seven more bodies were dug up. They were all identified but one. These identified were:  
George W. Langour, a daughter, three months old. Longour had lost his wife and was taking his little girl back to Iowa to live.  
George Brown of Cherryvale.  
William McCroby of Howard county, who had left home with \$2,000 in cash.  
H. T. McKirzle of Indiana, who had come West with a little money to locate.  
M. B. Boyle of Montgomery county and an unknown man.

**IN THE BENDER HOUSE.**  
It afterward was brought out that all of these people were killed in the Bender house at different times, with the exception of Longour and his daughter. The victim would stop for a meal. He would be seated at the table with his back near the calico curtain. Then one of the Benders would slip up and hit him on the head with a hammer, crushing his skull. His body would be dumped through the trapdoor into the pit and then to make sure of his death a Bender would cut his throat from ear to ear. Every victim was treated in the same fashion. Their heads were all crushed in and their throats cut. In due time the body would be taken to the garden and buried.

On April 7, 1873, the four Benders drove away. They left their team about a mile from Thayer and took the train to Hunkboldt. At least that is the story. They have never been seen since. A posse was after them about that time. After skirmishing around, for a few days the members of the posse returned to their homes, saying that they had given up the chase. They dropped the subject quickly. The whereabouts of the Benders never seem to be known after that. But other people were curious and are still curious to this day. The posse never reached. But that they got rid of the Benders has always been suspected by many. And the fact that Dr. De Moss, of Thayer, now claims to turn up the bones of the Benders tends to confirm the suspicion.

**Many Killed.**  
A dispatch from Oakland, Cal., says one hundred and three bodies have been taken out of the Agnew State hospital, near Santa Clara. The official statement says the number of injured patients at 267 and of these thirty are not expected to live. The main building of the hospital collapsed, pinning many patients under the fallen walls and debris. The patients had to be broken open and the more dangerous patients were tied to trees on the lawn. Very little damage was done to the buildings at Santa Clara college and not one of the students or priests was injured.

# THE BEST FRIENDS OF PE-RU-NA ARE THE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

### When Sickness Comes to the Little Ones It Is the Mother Who Chiefly Suffers.

She suffers even more than the child who happens to be sick. Her sympathy is deeper than that of any other member of the family. The mothers look forward with dread to the torrid heat of summer, thinking of their children and the many liabilities to disease that are before them. Spring and summer are sure to bring ailments, especially among the little folks. It does not take a mother very long to discover that Peruna is the best friend she has in times of illness among the children. The doctors may come and go with their different theories and constant change of remedies. The doctor of years ago gave entirely different remedies than he does today. Each year finds some change in his prescriptions and in the drugs he relies upon.

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The chronic ailments it has prevented, the suffering it has mitigated, will never be fully recorded. But at least this much can be said that the coming generation owes a great debt to Peruna, for it is in the tender years of youth that slight ailments are liable to develop into lasting disease, thus blasting the whole career of the individual. The mothers who are bringing up their children to-day to believe in Peruna are doing a great work for humanity. These children brought up to believe in Peruna from the start, will, when they become heads of families themselves, use Peruna with unquestioning faith. **Pe-ru-na Protects the Entire Household.** As soon as the value of Peruna is appreciated by every household, both as a preventive and cure, tens of thousands of lives will be saved, and hundreds of thousands of chronic, lingering cases of catarrh will be prevented.

**No Doctor Required.** Mrs. Edward Otto, 327 De Soto street, St. Paul, Minn., writes: "I cannot say enough for Peruna. It has done great work in my family, especially for my oldest boy. We had doctor with three or four different doctors and they did not seem to do him any good. "We gave up hopes of cure, and so did they, but we pulled him through on Peruna. "We had several doctors and they said they could do no more for him so we tried Peruna as a last resort, and that did the work. Since then we keep it in the house all the time, and no doctor is required."—Edward Otto.

**Pe-ru-na Contains No Narcotics.** One reason why Peruna has found permanent use in so many homes is that it contains no narcotic of any kind. Peruna is perfectly harmless. It can be used any length of time without acquiring a drug habit. Peruna does not produce temporary results. Its permanent effect is in its effect. It has no bad effect upon the system, and gradually eliminates catarrh by removing the cause of catarrh. There are a multitude of homes where Peruna has been used off and on for twenty years. Such a thing could not be possible if Peruna contained any drugs of a narcotic nature.

**Mrs. Thresa Rooke, 253 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill., Treasurer Ladies' of the Maccabees, writes:** "In our home Peruna is the only medicine we have. Grandmother, mother, father and child, all have used Peruna. It is our great remedy for catarrh of the stomach and head, colds, and female complaints of which it has cured me. "We find it of great value when my husband becomes worn out or catches cold. A couple of doses cure him. "If the baby has colic, or any stomach disorders, a dose or two cures her. "I consider Peruna finer than any doctor's medicine that I have ever tried, and I know that as long as we have it in the house, we will all be able to keep in good health."—Thresa Rooke.

**Mr. G. H. Farmer, New Martinsville, W. Va., writes:** "Our little son, Harry, is well and healthy now and we think if we do as you directed us, he will keep his health and grow strong. "We know that our little son's life was saved by your wonderful medicine, Peruna, and we shall always praise Peruna and use it in our family when needed. "Should we have any more catarrhal trouble in our family, we shall always write to you for treatment."—G. H. Farmer.

**Mr. Howard Andrew Sterner, Muddy Creek, Pa., writes:** "I have Peruna in my house all the time and won't be without it. It is good for children when they take a cold or croup. It cured my baby boy of croup. "I have introduced Peruna into six families since I received your last letter, and four have seen relief already."—Howard Andrew Sterner.

**Per-ru-na Should Be Kept In Every Household Where There Are Little Children.**

Peruna should be kept in the house all the time. Don't wait until the child is sick, then send to a drug store. But, have Peruna on hand—accept no substitute. Children are especially liable to acute catarrh. Indeed, most of the affections of childhood are catarrh. All forms of sore throat, quinsy, croup, hoarseness, laryngitis, etc., are but different phases of catarrh. Mrs. Amelia Saller, Menasha, Wis., writes: "I have used Peruna for a number of years. It cured me of chronic catarrh which I suffered with from infancy. "When my three children were born they all had catarrh, but I have given them Peruna and find it very effective in ridding them of this horrible trouble. I find that it is also good to give them as a tonic and a preventative of colds and colic. "In fact, I consider it a household blessing. I would not know how to raise my children without it. I am pleased to give it my recommendation."—Amelia Saller. Address Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio. All correspondence held strictly confidential.

**Make Good Wives.** The Burmese women must make an excellent wife. A Singapore paper says that her highest ambition is to be in a house where she can lordly illness and to supply him with abundant food for cooking, bullock cart racing and garb ins. And many of the Burmese women do big deals in timber, buying up in advance the products of a whole district, and on a scale that require big finance.

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