

A Strange Story.

A strange story in connection with a murder committed sixteen years ago is contained in a letter from Batesville, Arkansas. James Baxter and his wife were emigrating to Louisiana in 1865, and fell in with a man calling himself Isaac Young, when near the Louisiana boundary line. They encamped one night at the head of a lonely glen, when both men disappeared. The deserted wife, knowing that her husband had two thousand dollars in gold on his person, was convinced that he had been murdered by Young, but all her efforts to trace him or her husband failed. She settled herself in a little hut close to the scene of her husband's disappearance, and has lived there ever since, waiting for tidings. Recently she received a letter, dated Melbourne, Australia, from a stranger, stating that a man died there who passed by the name of Spanders, but papers he left behind him showed that he was Isaac Young, an American. The papers included a confession of the murder of Baxter, and pointing out the place where the body could be found. He further stated that he had gone to New Orleans and taken passage to Australia, where he speculated with great success. At his death he was quite wealthy, and directed that Mrs. Baxter should be searched for, and, if living, paid \$2,000, with interest from the date of the murder. He also begged forgiveness for his crime. An investigation proved that the information was correct as to the murder, for the remains of Baxter was found in the glen and decently buried. Mrs. Baxter has declined to accept the money, but she may yet conclude to accept it if the murderer is actually dead, which many people doubt.

The Flower of the Holy Ghost.

There is at present in the conservatory of the Golden Gate Park at San Francisco, an attraction of unusual interest. The Peristeria hispidula, or Holy Ghost flower, which recently commenced to bud, has within a few days blossomed. In the centre of the blossom of this extraordinary plant is, in miniature, the figure of a dove, the color being of snowy whiteness, excepting the wings, which are tinged with brown, in the attitude of drinking from a little white font. The large petals of the flower bend about the remarkable figure like an oval frame around some piece of delicate waxwork. The plant now in the east wing of the conservatory is a remarkably large specimen, the stock on which are the blossoms being 5 1/2 feet tall, and having fifteen well defined buds; another stalk growing from the same bulb, being 5 feet tall, and having twelve buds. This remarkable plant will continue to put forth blossoms for from six weeks to two months, when the parent bulb will die, leaving two small bulbs that will, if properly cared for, put forth stalks and bloom on nearly the same day in August next year as the parent blossomed on this. The bulbs of this extraordinary plant first came to San Francisco from the Isthmus of Panama, where it is very common, the residents calling it "El Espiritus Santo" the Holy Spirit.

Stern Signals of Married Life.

A marriage has other uses than those of perpetuating the race. In this great city there are thousands of refined, high-strung intelligent, appreciative, but lone, desolate souls, for whom it would be an earthly paradise to rest ever so little in the shade of a really peaceful household. But such peace must be genuine. It must not be any patched-up affair—any show of affection between husband and wife before the guest's face and a snarl behind his back. It's just this lack of harmony between husband and wife that makes so many households as a tomb to visit. It's a bad sign when a wife's friends are hustled out of her husband's presence into another room. It's a bad sign when the husband's visitors are not the wife's visitors, and vice versa. It's a bad sign if matters which interest the wife do not interest the husband and vice versa. It's a bad sign when the lord of the manor looks down from his lofty elevation and speaks with a sneer more or less snubbed of the "trivialities of fashion," and deems it beneath him to assist his wife in choosing a dress pattern. Marriage partnership must mean partnership in everything, or there's a social desert for one or the other to travel over pretty often. We are talking of married life as we have seen it in the houses of great and little; in houses of judges and generals, of lawyers and politicians, among whom also great and little men are to be found.—Graphic.

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Lake Charles, Sept. 17, 1881.

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DAVID REIDIS.
October 1, 1881.—tf.

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JUDGMENT.

Fourteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, La. No. 538.

Mima Jacobs, wife, vs. Dietrich W. Jessen, husband.
AUGUST TERM, 1881.

IN this case, by reason of the law and the evidence being in favor of the plaintiff, it is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed, that she do have and recover, of her said husband, Dietrich W. Jessen, the defendant, the sum of three hundred dollars, and that her privilege upon the property of her said husband be recognized and enforced.
It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that plaintiff be separate in property from her said husband. It is further ordered that the community of acquets and gains existing between the plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that plaintiff have the exclusive management and control of her dotal and paraphernal property, and the costs of suit be taxed.

Done, read and signed in open Court, on this 6th day of September, 1881.
STEPHEN D. READ,
Judge 14th Jud'l Dist. Court, La.
Filed, September 6th, 1881.
THAD. MAYO, Clerk.
A true copy, Sept. 17, 1881.
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Clerk District Court.

NOTICE—Land Office at New Orleans, La., Sept. 27, 1881.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Lake Charles, La., on November 2, 1881, viz: Alexis Janice, Homestead No. 2223, for the lot No. 6, section 25, township 9, south range 8 West Louisiana Meridian. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Emile Corbello, Simeon Leblen, Alvin Corbello and Charles Corbello, of Calcasieu Parish, La. GEO. BALDEY, Register.
Oct. 1, 1881.—31.

NOTICE—Land Office at New Orleans, La., Sept. 16th, 1881.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Lake Charles, La., on October 25th, 1881, viz: Sosthenes Sonnier, Homestead No. 4570, for the W. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 of section 31, township 10 north range 13 west, Louisiana Meridian. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: J. H. Jackson, A. J. Black, O. Cormier and P. L. Cormier, of Calcasieu Parish, La. GEO. BALDEY, Register.
Sept. 24, 1881.—51.

NOTICE—Land Office at New Orleans, La., Sept. 28, 1881.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Court, at Lake Charles, La., on the 21th of November, 1881, viz: Coleman D. Welsh, Homestead No. 4583, for the southeast quarter of section 30, township 9 south, 4 West Louisiana Meridian. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: G. Fousson, Henry Welsh, Paulin Fontenot and F. A. Arceneaux, of Calcasieu Parish, La. GEO. BALDEY, Register.
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