

# THREE WOMEN MAY CLEAR MRS. CARMAN

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pin was found. The sticker was bent as if it had been wrenched from its hold in clothing.

**Another Pin Found on Porch.**  
To-day a policeman found a similar pin on the Carman porch. These discoveries are petty clues, no doubt, but if they indicate anything at all, they indicate that Mrs. Bailey was killed by a woman, since men do not ordinarily use two-inch safety pins.

Schlösser's story becomes of increasing interest since it tends to show that although a woman was the slayer, that woman could not have been Mrs. Carman.

Some of the Freeport officials hemmed and hawed a bit over young Schlösser's statement, taking it lightly. At any rate, he will be an important witness at the inquest when the hearing is resumed at 10 A. M. Monday.

One of the many singular incidents of the case (they crop up freshly every day) is the disappearance of two women patients of Dr. Carman, who were waiting in the anteroom of his office when Mrs. Bailey was shot. Nobody, it appears, is aware of the identity of these women, who hurried away immediately after the shot was fired and managed to escape observation. It may be that Schlösser saw one of these run to an automobile. Many persons do not think so and hold that the young man alone witnessed the escape of the murderess.

In an attempt to learn the names of these women, as well as the names of other women patients, District Attorney Smith is making an examination of Dr. Carman's books and is preparing a list of names. Every woman on the list will be questioned.

Mrs. Carman, Dr. Carman and the members of their family were frankly pleased when they learned of the surprising turn the case had taken. They have been deeply concerned over the insistence of George Golder, the farmhand, in testifying that he saw Mrs. Carman, fully dressed, on the porch shortly before Mrs. Bailey was killed, although Mrs. Carman declares that she was undressed and in bed at the time specified, and is supported in that statement by her sister, Mrs. Ida Powell.

**Dr. Carman Loyal to Wife.**

Nothing has more interested Freeport in this singular case than the attitude of Dr. Carman. His loyalty to his wife, his steady support of her story, has been eager and unflinching from the first, despite the admitted quarrels, the confessed jealousies, and the fact that the situation between him and Mrs. Carman had been so strained that he was obliged to command her to keep out of his office when patients were calling.

There is something about the personality of the main figures in the tragedy of Freeport that grips the interest. The SUN has described Mrs. Carman for the remarkable woman she is, unusually handsome, of queenly bearing and of steady courage under frightening strain. But the doctor is hardly less worthy of comment. He is a man who laughs. He goes through the world laughing. He laughed when his wife harassed him with jealous tirades. He laughed when he heard about the dictograph that she set in his office. And now he laughs when he says with the utmost positiveness that there has been no trouble between him and Mrs. Carman for a long time—that matters with them "have been rosy."

All Freeport is taking of his testimony at the inquest yesterday. It was perfectly apparent to even the dullest of bystanders that Prosecutor Smith was trying to get at. In calling Dr. Carman first to the witness chair and besieging the doctor with a multitude of questions concerning Mrs. Carman's whereabouts and movements on the night of the murder, none doubted that he planned to draw from the doctor statements or admissions that would be in sheer contradiction of what Mrs. Carman would say later. But as a matter of fact the doctor went straight ahead with his testimony easily and naturally, not assuming to know too much, not admitting that he knew too little, and the result was that Dr. Carman's story and Mrs. Carman's story dovetailed in all essentials.

**Doctor Criticizes Golder.**

The doctor gave an interview to a reporter for THE SUN as he left his house to-day to make professional calls.

"I have absolute confidence," he said, "that Mrs. Carman told the whole truth on the stand, and that she withheld nothing of importance in the case. I don't believe Golder's story. I don't say that he lied, but I think the limelight had a strong effect upon his imagination. Look at the man! He finds himself suddenly pushed into publicity and asked a lot of leading questions, questions for which it is easy to find answers. He may have seen a woman on the porch at the time he said he did, but if so it was Mrs. Powell, my wife's sister. I am positive that Mrs. Carman was in bed when the shot was fired."

"There are some discrepancies in the testimony concerning Mrs. Carman's movements, but I believe that these will be straightened out on Monday when the hearing is resumed. As for the dictograph, I haven't bothered my head about that. I am sure Mrs. Carman didn't keep records of conversations that were overheard, and she says herself she heard nothing that troubled her peace of mind."

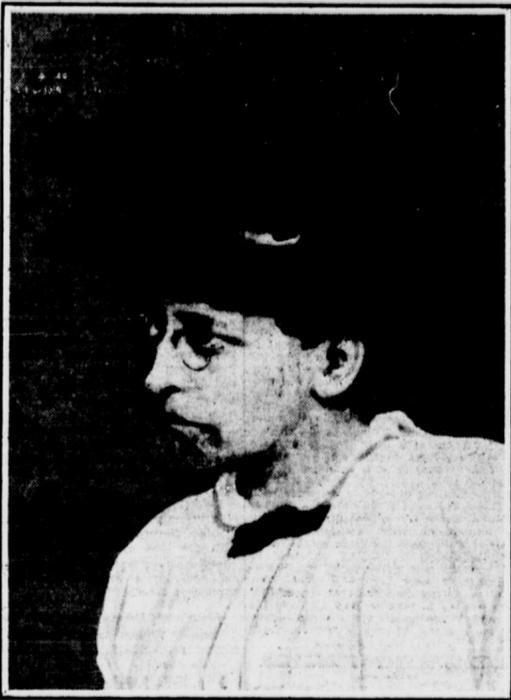
**Miss Combe's Story Important.**

It can be said that Prosecutor Smith, although balked on Friday at every attempt to break down Mrs. Carman's story, is not yet through with his method of procedure. An important witness to-morrow morning will be Helen Combe, a stenographer who is employed in the office of ex-Judge Clinton M. Flint of Freeport. Miss Combe was waiting last Tuesday night with three others in the anteroom of Dr. Carman's office when Mrs. Bailey was murdered. The others were Archie Post, who testified yesterday; Golder, who also testified; and a woman whose identity has not been revealed.

There is considerable curiosity as to the identity of the woman. Miss Combe declares that it was Mrs. Carman who admitted her to Dr. Carman's office at 7:20 P. M. She says that Mrs. Carman was wearing a white shirtwaist and a blue skirt, the details of dress admitted by Mrs. Carman as having been worn by her early on Tuesday evening.

Miss Combe says also that Mrs. Carman greeted five or six patients and sent most of them away with the excuse that the doctor was very busy. Mrs. Carman's main story is that she was not downstairs between supper and a time shortly after Mrs. Bailey was shot.

Archie Post insists that he saw Mrs.



**MRS. IDA POWELL.**  
Sister-in-law of Mrs. Edwin Carman and an important witness in the investigation into the death of Mrs. Louise Bailey.

Carman on the porch at about 7:40 P. M. and Coroner Norton has fixed the time of the murder as 7:50 P. M., although others place it at from 8 P. M. to 8:20 P. M., Dr. Carman being one of those who fix it as at the later time. W. W. Black, who lives next door to the Carmans, is sure the shot was fired before 8 P. M., because he had intended to leave his home at 8 o'clock.

Despite a thorough, painstaking search, not a trace of the weapon that was used to kill Mrs. Bailey has been found. A careful search was not begun until last Thursday, although the Carman house had been examined pretty closely on the day after the murder. By now, however, almost every thinkable hiding place has been scrutinized, and even the plumbing and the drains have been uncovered. In Freeport it is held to be a very strong point in Mrs. Carman's favor that the weapon has been found in or near her home.

The case will rest pretty much as it is until the inquest is resumed on Monday. Sheriff Pettit says that the investigation is continuing more and more upon "a woman," but he names no names. District Attorney Smith has nothing to offer at his ideas have been outlined by his course in the investigation. It was denied on all sides that the authorities have a definite clue implicating a left handed man.

The funeral services of Mrs. Louise Bailey was held to-night at 8 o'clock at her home at William street and Thorn avenue, Hempstead. With William E. Bailey, her husband, she lived in a comfortable, old-fashioned house which is now nearly covered by climbing rose vines. Mrs. Bailey was the soloist in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hempstead, and among the few that attended the private service last night were her women associates in the church choir. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Burgwin. The interment will be made to-morrow in Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead.

**"Must Catch Murderer."**  
Mr. Bailey said in the afternoon that he is going to give the authorities a chance to find the murderer of his wife. "I am willing to let them do what they can," he said, "but the murderer must be caught. I have not hired any detectives yet, as I don't want the work of the searchers to conflict. I feel that some of those in charge of the investigation are doing their best, and I don't feel that this case will be dropped. I have every clue had been run down. I have too many influential friends."

The authorities have begun a slow, careful process to learn the identity of the two women who were in the doctor's anteroom when the shot was fired. Mr. Levy, attorney for the Carmans, said that he doesn't know who they are. District Attorney Smith, Coroner Norton and Sheriff Pettit don't know either.

So they have begun to look all through the doctor's books for recent women patients. Lists will be made of these and the private detectives brought down from New York will question every woman who has been in the habit of calling on the doctor, in the hope of finding some one who can throw some light on the events directly preceding the killing.

Golder and Post have both said that they had called on her last Monday, the day before the murder, and they have said that these two women ran out of the house in the first confusion following the shot.

Mrs. Carman was seen by a reporter in her home to-day, but she would not talk for publication. She appeared at her

case all during the talk, which lasted for more than half an hour, and was completely unaffected, as regards her appearance, by the strain of taking the witness stand yesterday.

She was asked to permit Celia Coleman, the negro maid, to be questioned, but Mrs. Carman said that as Celia was under subpoena to testify on Monday at the resumption of the inquest it would not be proper to have her tell her story informally now.

The maid has made an affidavit to George Levy, attorney for Mrs. Carman, regarding what she knows of the shooting. It is highly important, in that Celia swears that she was in the kitchen in the rear of the house all the time after supper until after the shot was fired. In that period no one went out of the house through the kitchen door and no one came in through the house by that door, the maid swears. "That eliminates all possibility of the murderer having gone upstairs," said Mr. Levy to-day. "If any one had rushed up after the murder from where the shot was fired he would have to enter the house from the front door or through the kitchen door. Golder and Post and the others would have noticed any one coming in by the front door, and Celia Coleman swears that no one entered through the rear door. I got her affidavit on this point. The maid is so dense she would not lie about any matter, and no one could tamper with her."

**Mrs. Conklin Is Ill.**

Mrs. Platt Conklin, mother of Mrs. Carman, is so ill that Levy said he would not allow her to testify publicly at the inquest. If they want her story they will have to go to her house and take a deposition, he said.

She will testify that after supper Tuesday evening she sat on the porch with her daughter, Mrs. Powell, and that Mrs. Carman was not on the porch at all. This flatly contradicts Golder's story that he saw Mrs. Conklin and Mrs. Carman on the porch when he went into the house.

Mrs. Conklin will say, according to the lawyer, that the woman on the porch with her was seen by Golder as Mrs. Powell, the other daughter, who lives in the house. Mrs. Powell said on the stand that she did not go out on the porch Tuesday evening, but she will try to be recalled so that she may testify that she was in error about this; that she sat on the porch with her mother for a few minutes, but had forgotten it completely.

These three women, Mrs. Conklin, Mrs. Powell and Celia the maid, will have a tremendous importance in tearing to pieces the story told by Golder that Mrs. Carman had been downstairs, fully dressed, five minutes before the murder occurred. Their testimony will give reason for the belief that Golder was mistaken, that the woman he saw fitting through the halls was Mrs. Powell and not her sister.

Levy said that his theory is that either some jealous man, or some former patient, either insane or who had a grudge against the doctor, did the shooting. He is convinced that the gun was aimed at Dr. Carman and not at Mrs. Bailey, he said.

Mr. Knobel said that Mrs. Varance was not good looking and believed she is about 50 years old.

One of the stories, which the authorities have investigated, concerns a young husband and wife who have separated. The husband punched a Federal official in a town near Freeport about two years ago because of attentions to his wife, and since then the two have not been living together.

The wife, now living in Lynbrook, was found to-day by a SUN man. She said that detectives had been questioning her since the murder. She said that she and her husband had never had any quarrel because of Dr. Carman, who has been her family physician for years. She said that she had not seen Dr. Carman for two months, when she called upon him for professional treatment. Her husband, she said, had called on her last Monday, the day before the murder, and did not seem excited, nor was Dr. Carman's name mentioned by either of them. The woman, who is young and good looking, said that her husband's and her relations with Dr. Carman had always been such that they could not possibly be brought into the case.

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