SUICIDE OF A YOUNG BRIDEGROOM

Killed Himself After Reading the Story of His Courtship and Marriage.

From the New York Tribune.

The publication in the Brooklyn *Eagle* yesterday afternoon of the story of a clandestine marriage resulted in a tragedy. The young man who figured in it read the account, and then deliberately committed suicide. He was Augustus S. Van de Linde, aged 19, whose home was with his mother and uncle, Augustus P. Stevens, at No. 184 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn. He was employed by the latter as clerk and bookkeeper in the carpet cleaning establishment of A. P. Stevens & Co., at No. 74 Court street. On Decoration day Van de Linde attended a fair in St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church, where Miss Anna Williams, who had won a prize in a beauty contest, presided over a flower table. It was a case of love at first sight between the young people. The young lover introduced Miss Williams to his mother and sister, and, while they did not approve the match, the young man thought he was old enough to have his own way. Mrs. Van de Linde is an Episcopalian, and did not wish her son to marry a girl of the Roman Catholic faith, but his sister was inclined to favor the match.

While the mother and sister were away on a summer trip, young Van de Linde and Miss Williams were married, the ceremony being performed on August 29 by the Rev. P. J. McNamara of the church of Our Lady of Mercy, at No. 191 Bergen street, the home of the bride's mother. The young man continued to live at his former home, and his wife lived with her mother, but they were planning to go to housekeeping soon. The bridegroom's mother was surprised upon returning to the city to learn of the marriage, but she decided to make the best of the circumstances, and cordially met her daughter-in-law.

The story of the marriage was written by a friend of young Van de Linde, and was published yesterday afternoon. The bride visited her husband at his office early in the afternoon, and he took her to a car to go home before the close of business. On his way to the office he bought the paper and read the article. The reflection upon him touched him deeply, and he was noticed to be pale and excited by Patrick Lyons a general utility man in the office. Lyons asked him what was the matter. For a reply he cut the article from the paper, and handed it to him, saying: "Read that. A friend of mine wrote it. A nice sort of a friend he is." Before Lyons could read it Van de Linde told him to go up town to see about laying a carpet, and said he could read the article on his way. Lyons started out, and Van de Linde left the office with him, and turned down the street in the opposite derection. Lyons found that the carpet was not ready to lay, and returned to the office in about an hour. He noticed that the shades were down, and the office appeared deserted. Entering he found Van de Linde dead at his desk, with a bullet wound in his head, and the pistol still grasped in his hand. He had evidently made the excuse to get rid of Lyons and then had returned to the office and killed himself.

Mr. Van de Lind was esteemed by all who knew him, and was attentive to business. He had been employed by his uncle since he was a boy. The widowed bride is a beautiful girl 18 years old. Her mother is a widow. When seen last evening, before the news of the tragedy had reached her, young Mrs. Van de Linde said that her husband's relatives were all satisfied with the marriage. When told of the death of her husband she was hysterical with grief, and hastened to the undertaker's where his body was cared for.

A Parisian Joke.

From the Minneapolis Journal.

The many acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, prominent members of the First Baptist church of this city, are telling an amusing story in which the two were the chief characters. The scene is laid in gay Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds recently made a lengthy European trip. While in Paris they were the patrons of a fashionable hotel. For several months previous to leaving for the tour abroad Mrs. Reynolds assiduously applied all her energies to studying the French language. She was an unusually apt scholar. When the time for leaving home came Mrs. Reynold's teacher congratulated her upon the rapid manner in which she had mastered the language, and Mrs. Reynolds personally believed she was proficient enough to cope with the Parisian in their own tongue when the great metropolis should be reached.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds spent many a pleasant day in Paris and only have in remembrance one brief half day of agonizing misery. It happened this way: In Parisian hotels the attaches are suave and obliging. One afternoon Mr. Reynolds journeyed down town alone. When Mrs. Reynolds found herself ready to leave her apartments she turned to the bright-eyed waiting-maid and with the best French at her command told the girl to tell her husband when he returned to the room that she had gone down into the public parlor, where she would wait for him.

"Oui, madame," replied the girl, with a knowing smile and a low courtesy. It was evident the girl had had such commands given her before.

Mrs. Reynolds passed down to the public parlor. She waited a full hour for her husband and by that time became very nervous over his non-appearance. She ran upstairs and went out upon the verandah. When nearly opposite her apartments she heard strange sounds from within. Passing quickly to the window she was thunderstruck to see her husband pacing the floor at a lively gait, gesticulating wildly with his hands and muttering savagely. Ever and anon he would try the door. It would not open. Mrs. Reynolds ran to his assistance; opened the door the girl was found, then followed general explanations. Mrs. Reynold's French tripped her up, so to speak. The girl understood her to say she should lock her husband in the room when he returned, and she obeyed orders. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds afterwards enjoyed the joke hugely.

Lost His Place.

From the Chicago Ledger.

"So you be studying law, Jones."
"Yes."
"Like it?"
"No, sir-r-e-e!"
"How is that?"
"Well, I'd read about half through Blackstone."
"Yes."
"Had a bookmark to keep my place."
"I see."
"Some one stole the bookmark. I could not find my place, and had to go back to the beginning and read the dratted book all over again."

An Object Lesson.

From the Omaha Bee.

Time: Scene—Bedroom in the Du Barry mansion—2 a. m.

Mrs. Du B. (in an injured tone)—"There is no reason why you should come home at this hour in this condition. It is scandalous!"

Mr. Du B.—"Noth'n sort, m'dear. Ten 'clock I came home 'n you said I was tight, 'n I jes' wen' 'tout'n got tight—'t show yer—diffunce!"

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