

IT CAN HARDLY BE MURDER, Jenkins Probably Came to His Death By His Own Hands

WITH ONLY AN EVERY-DAY MEDICINE

Without any Intention of Committing Suicide—Dr. Chalkley Has Completed His Work but has Made no Report.

There is strong reason now for the belief that Solomon Benjamin Jenkins was not murdered; that his death was neither suicidal nor accidental, but accidental. He died from the use of some drug outside of the ordinary list of poisons, most likely taken by himself as a medicine.

It will be remembered that Jenkins, after eating a heavy supper, shaving, and dressing, went over to Bennett's house to take him some medicine. It is not improbable that when he secured the medicine for Bennett he also took a dose himself for some indisposition he then felt.

Not a Common Poison. It was pointed out by the Times yesterday that had the drug been any of the ordinary poisons, such as arsenic, mercury, antimony, lead, zinc, and the like, that the analysis would have been a matter of a few minutes.

Therefore, some other agent must be looked for, and all the evidence points to one of the commoner medicines in everyday use as the cause of Jenkins' death.

Dr. Chalkley last night finished his analysis of the stomach of the supposed murdered man, but not having made his report to the county authorities, and perhaps on account of a further investigation entered into yesterday, he again declined to give any information in connection with the case.

Another Search. In company with Mr. Sands, he yesterday visited the house of Lizzie Walters, and from the time they entered until they left the house was repeatedly engaged in an hour-a sufficient time to make a complete search and to test whatever of a suspicious character was brought to light.

Further than the statement that the case is an exceedingly interesting one, Dr. Chalkley could not be induced to talk when I saw him last evening.

Skilled in Poisons. It now looks as if the case will fall through for the want of proof. If the agent which caused Solomon Benjamin's death was administered by accident with murderous intent, it was administered by one consummately skilled in toxicology and learned in the use of them.

Mr. Sands, at any rate, has a very careful case, and the charge of murder will be difficult of substantiation.

The Woman's Counsel Talks. Messrs. John Garland Pollard and N. Thomas Mosby, two well-known young lawyers of this city, have been secured by Lizzie Walters' counsel. They were hard at work on the case yesterday, and have, in fact, been diligently engaged in the investigation of the case for several days, but not until yesterday was it made public that they were the woman's counsel.

The opinion is held by many that the Commonwealth will have great difficulty in convicting any of the parties arrested, and it is also held that the officials who have been seen yesterday, and who have done a haphazard sort of work, will have gone ahead with apparently little grounds for their action.

When I interviewed Messrs. Pollard and Mosby, the woman's counsel yesterday, they were not very communicative, deeming it best, as they did, to keep many details from the public for the present. I learned, however, some facts which have not been heretofore brought out.

Not in a Glass of Beer. "It is absolutely certain in my mind," said Mr. Pollard, "that Jenkins was not poisoned in the Walters woman's house. It is claimed that he drank a glass of beer which was drugged, Jenkins is known to have been a total abstainer for months past. He was repeatedly offered intoxicants in the Walters woman's house, and several witnesses will swear that he always refused. That the poison was taken in a glass of water is untrue. There was no water in the room, except that in a bucket from which the others in the room also drank."

"You believe that the poison was administered after Jenkins left the Walters woman?" I suggested. "A confident of it," replied Messrs. Pollard and Mosby in a breath. "What is your theory?"

"A smile and a shake of the head was my reply. "I have been hard at work on this case for days," said Mr. Pollard, "and there are several important facts that I prefer to withhold for the present. I think I might say, however, that the suicide theory is the most reasonable one I have yet advanced. That Jenkins died some time after 8 o'clock on the night before the man was found dead, unless I am very much mistaken."

WHO WILL BE THE MAN? A Special Meeting to Elect an Assistant Bishop

Nearly all of the Episcopal clergymen of the State will arrive here on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning to attend the meeting called by Bishop Whittle to elect another assistant bishop for Virginia.

Some inconvenience has been experienced in providing for an extension of hospitalities to the 125 or 150 clergymen and laymen who will attend the meeting.

Walton Knows a Thing or Two. Virgil Walton, who does not bear a particle of resemblance to the author of the immortal "Annie," bears his confinement most cheerfully. He will say nothing, though I gathered from him that he was in possession of certain facts that will ultimately give him his liberty, whenever he sees fit to disclose them.

IN A VERY BAD WAY. Wm. C. Evans Charged With Serious Crime in Petersburg. Detective Alex. Tomlinson yesterday evening about 5:30 o'clock arrested a man named William C. Evans, who has been employed for the past three months as a telegraph operator by the Postal Telegraph Company.

The accused, who is charged with seduction, is about twenty years old and weighs about 150 pounds. He is fair complexioned, and has a light brown mustache. With his wife and child he has been boarding at No. 11 south Fifth street.

What caused the row between the men is not known, as the affair happened some distance outside of the city, and the particulars could not be learned. The brick hit Werrill in the head, and it is thought fractured his skull.

At a late hour last night he was reported to be in a dying condition. When Werrill dropped senseless, a physician disappeared, and although a warrant was sworn out for his arrest a short while after the fight, the police have not yet succeeded in apprehending him.

Christianity as a painter, but recently has been working at a painter, but turned up. He bears the reputation of being rather wild, and has heretofore been in trouble for throwing bricks at people.

For the past few months he has been boarding on the corner of Thirty-first and Marshall streets, but had not been seen at the house since the fight, up until 1 o'clock last evening.

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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. The Committee on Justice and Police and Courts of Justice Hold Meetings.

The Committee on Militia and Police held a meeting yesterday evening in the hall of the House, during the bills under consideration, and the one offered by Colonel Gibson, increasing the Military Board, Gen. Charles J. Anderson and Col. J. Lane Sterns appeared in opposition to the proposed change.

The bill to provide for submitting to the people the question of holding a constitutional convention will be reported favorably next Tuesday.

Young People's Meeting. The first meeting of young people at the First Baptist church, February 6th, will doubtless be the largest affair of the kind ever held in this city.

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CHURCH HILL TO THE FRONT. Is It the Death Knell of Members Attending Lodges?

The recent organization on Church Hill of a "Pepper-Box Brigade" by ladies in this portion of the city has been followed by a society to be composed of married women.

The making of a park for the North Side is being actively pushed in this city.

The ladies of "Ye Olde Polkes Concert" will have a rehearsal on Monday night.

The young ladies of the Episcopal church will give a Puritan Tea on Monday night.

The athletic and gymnasium contest which was held at the Young Men's Christian Association last night was a great success.

The following gentlemen acted as officers: Prof. A. Schaezel, referee; Messrs. J. W. Atkinson, Edward C. Mayo, Edward S. Stoddard, and William A. Haack.

The contestants were E. E. Taylor, Jr., W. H. Hays, H. W. Byrnes, J. W. Michaels, H. D. Bates, W. D. Richardson, W. E. Crawford, E. D. Richardson, W. Terry, S. Carter, Roy Latham, M. B. Binford, B. H. Marsh, S. Rosendorf, A. M. Curd, Clyde Glazebrook, A. A. Booth, J. O. Armistead, Harry Carozza, A. S. Crawford, and R. H. Haas.

Civil Service Examination. The civil service examination for departmental positions at Washington will take place in the custom-house Tuesday morning.

The examination for positions in the Richmond post-office will take place under similar conditions on the 6th instant.

Special Services. The Second Baptist church held special services every night of last week.

About a year ago at Twenty-seventh and O streets was organized a Sunday-school, with a total of sixteen officers and teachers present.

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Ladies' Cambric Gowns, yoke of tucks and inserting, with wide Hamburg ruffle around neck and sleeves; would be good value at \$1.25.

A beautiful assortment of the Cambric and Muslin Gowns, with finest embroidery, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, and \$3 each.

Beautiful Cambric Gowns, elegantly trimmed in fine embroidery and lace.

Ladies' finest Cambric Corset Covers, elaborately trimmed in fine embroidery and Val lace.

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ANNOUNCEMENT!

With the beginning of our business year of '94 we greet our friends and patrons with a slight change in our firm-name.

This change has been made with the view of promoting the interests of our customers.

To place our business on a better business basis—more in keeping with the constantly increasing demands of the public.

To enable us to sell the same quality of goods that have won for us a reputation for reliability at LOWER PRICES.

To be in every way in closer touch with the people for the people's good.

With every advantage that capital and experience can bring we are now in a position, and as the season advances, will offer the choicest styles in larger assortment.

Exclusive designs in all the Novelties of the season, and altogether a stock of goods in every way BETTER and at LOWER PRICES than we have ever before shown.

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Infants' fine-tucked Lawn Caps, with Swiss embroidery and wide ruffle with ruch, \$1.

BLACK DRESS GOODS. It is important, in the selection of all Black Goods, to get a good black. So many look well until they are worn when they become a rusty black and look old.

35-inch All-Wool Black Imperial Serge, 50c. Yard.

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LINEN SHEETS. Two special bargains to close the lines: 2 pair fine Hemstitched Linen Sheets—German linen, 2 1/2x2 5/8 yards—regular price \$7.50 a pair, for \$6.

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WASH FABRICS. Percales in all the new spring patterns, 10c.

Tulle du Nord Gingham, in the new spring patterns, worth 12-15c, 10c.

40-inch Irish Lawn, all new patterns, 12c.

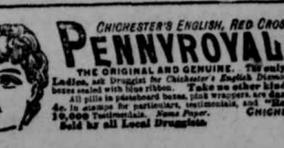
Dresden Satines, black grounds with small colored figures in buds, flowers, etc., 12c.

Camilla Organzies, with pin stitch, pink, heliotrope, light blue, white, and cream grounds, with delicate figures, 12c.

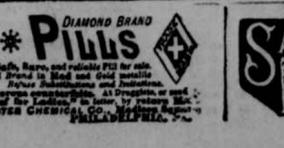
Printed Pongees, black grounds with buds and flowers, 16c.

UMBRELLAS. We have closed out another lot of Umbrellas from the manufacturers at way under value. They are all made of glosia silk, with natural handles. They are all size 36-inch, for ladies or gentlemen. We have divided them in three lots: Lot 1 at 90c, worth \$1.25. Lot 2 at \$1.25, worth \$1.75. Lot 3 at \$1.50, worth \$2.

The lot we placed on sale last week, of the finest goods, offers some great bargains. They are ladies' with dress silk covers to match. They are 26-inch, for ladies or gentlemen, and the prices are lower than they will be sold again. Sale Price, \$2 \$3 \$3.50 \$5 Usual Price, \$3 \$4 \$5 \$6.75



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