

A REMARKABLE CRIME

OF TWENTY YEARS STANDING
TRIED IN A GEORGIA COURT.

Ashley Crech Puts Aside His Invald
Wife and Installs Another Woman in
Her Place—The Lawful Wife Neverthe-
less Lives Under the Same Roof, in the
Capacity of Servant and Drudge, for
Twenty Years.

ATLANTA, June 30.—One of the most
remarkable cases ever tried in a Georgia
court was before Judge Van Epps yes-
terday in the city court.

The case is probably without a pre-
cedent in the history of crime. The of-
fense charged has extended over a period
of twenty years, and in Atlanta, and no
notice of it was ever taken by the police
or courts before.

As the case was called yesterday the
defendant was a white woman named
Nora Herron. She is 40 years of age,
but seems several years younger, quiet,
intelligent and well dressed. She wore
a white summer dress and white straw
hat, and everything about the woman
was quietly prepossessing.

THE STORY.

Twenty years ago Nora Herron came to
Atlanta. She had one child with her.

One of her first acquaintances there
was Ashley Crech, a machinist. She
applied at his home for work, stating
that she was a young widow from South
Carolina, with one child and nothing
but her own labor between them and
starvation.

Crech's wife was an invalid, the
mother of two children.

Under these circumstances Mrs. Her-
ron was taken into the family, and
there she remained. Mrs. Crech has
been an invalid these twenty years.

WITHOUT A DIVORCE.

Soon after Nora Herron came into the
Crech family there was a very quiet but
radical reorganization of the family
circle.

Crech adopted Mrs. Herron as his
wife, and his real wife became a servant
in her own household.

Crech, it seems, had always treated
his wife badly. She was a weak-minded
woman, and the change was
made without a serious protest from her.

Nora Herron was the acknowledged mis-
tress of the house, and until the matter
was brought before the last grand jury
she had a dozen people living knew that
she was not Herron's real wife, or that
the real wife was not a servant.

THE CHILDREN.

Crech has five children by his
adopted wife, the last one two years
old.

The two children by the first wife
were brought up in the same house.
Both were old enough to remember when
and how the Herron woman came, but
were frightened into silence when they
were children, and have tolerated it
since through a horror of the scandal
that would follow its exposure.

Crech's neighbors were told that the
real Mrs. Crech was an idiot and de-
pendent relative, kept through charity,
and that Nora Herron was Mrs. Crech.

HOW IT WAS TOLD.

Not long ago the daughter of the real
wife was married to a man named Drew.
She told him, after they were married,
of her mother's real position, and Drew
carried the matter before the grand jury.

This daughter was the main witness
before the grand jury. She swore that
for years after Nora Herron first came
into the family there was only one room
to her house. After Mrs. Herron was
adopted as Mrs. Crech, the wife slept
upon a pallet at the foot of their bed.

Afterwards a partition was built, making
two rooms of one, and the real wife was
sent into a separate room. It was the
real wife that did all the servant's work,
cooked, nursed, washed and ironed.

The Herron woman contributed towards
the support of the family by working in
Selig's pants factory. She has been
there for years—one of the best and
most industrious workwomen in the fac-
tory.

THE REAL WIFE A WITNESS.

An incident of the trial yesterday was
the introduction of the real wife as a
witness for the defense. She is much
older than the Herron woman and an
imbecile.

She shielded her husband and the
other man as best she could. She de-
clared that the children had testified,
but her statements were weak and con-
tradictory. The testimony was simply
overwhelming against the adopted wife
and Crech, and the jury were out not
exceeding two minutes.

There is a true bill against Crech,
and he will be tried if he can be found.
He learned of the grand jury's investi-
gation, and it is said left immediately.

THE VERDICT.

The woman's sentence was \$100 and
costs or six months in the penitentiary.
A collection was taken up in the court
room and over \$70 was raised. Solicitor
Frank O'Bryan, who had prosecuted and
convicted her, contributed \$20, and
several of the jurymen contributed.
The entire amount was not raised, how-
ever, and the woman was taken to the
penitentiary. The balance of the fine
will probably be raised to-day and the
woman released.

MARRIED IN JEST.

Mr. J. Fletcher Marcum of Catletts-
burg and Miss Laura Duke Smith of
Lexington attended a social gathering
in Ashland, Ky., one evening last week,
and while there they were married by
County Clerk were among the guests. After
a while some one suggested a mock mar-
riage and Mr. Marcum and Miss Smith
volunteered to be the bride and bride-
groom. The County Clerk was appealed
to and made out the license and the
minister performed the ceremony.

Nothing more was thought of the affair
until Friday, when it was mentioned to
a lawyer, who then advised that it was
not a legal one. This view is consid-
ered as correct and the make-believe
bride and bridegroom are intensely dis-
tressed. To add to the complication,
Mr. Marcum was engaged to an esti-
mable young lady of Ashland. The
courts will have to be appealed to for
relief. Mr. Marcum is editor of the Catletts-
burg Democrat and Miss Smith, or
Mrs. Marcum, is the daughter of Gen-
eral Greene Clay Smith, one of the best
known men in Kentucky.

THE PRESIDENT'S NEW-ENGLAND TRIP.

New York, July 3.—President Harri-
son and party, consisting of Secretary
and Mrs. Noble, Adjutant General L. A.
Barbour, Lieutenant Mason of the Navy
Department, Clarence W. Bowen and
Col. Elliot P. Shreve, left the Fifth
Avenue Hotel this morning at 9:35 and
were driven in carriages to the Grand
Central Depot, where the 10 o'clock train
was taken for Woodstock. At the depot
Secretary Tracy joined the President.
A stop will be made at Hartford, and
the President will visit the State Cap-
itol.

WHAT TOM WOOFOOK SIGNS FOR.

The Georgia newspapers report that
Tom Woolfolk, the Bibb County gentle-
man who defended the sons of the late
James H. Hays, is planning to sign a
petition for the pardon of the nine other
members of his family who occupied it, ranging
in age from five years to seventy, sits in
his cell and sighs that if he could get a
change of venue to Charleston he would
be sure of an acquittal and reasonably
hopeful of an evasion.—Greenville News.

Big Blaze in Idaho.

HAILEY, Idaho, July 2.—Four business
blocks were burned here this morn-
ing. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

SOMEBODY BLUNDERED.

A Fourth of July Excursion Train Col-
lides with a Freight.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, July 3.—A wreck oc-
curred last night on the Chicago and
Northwestern road, about two miles north
of this city. The G. A. R. band was
holding a picnic at Twin Springs, a re-
sult about thirteen miles from Dubuque.
Over 5,000 people were in attendance.
Trains were run every hour to and from
the grounds. The excursion train had
just landed 1,200 people in this city and
was returning for the remainder, which
consisted of about 2,000 men, women and
children, who are coming to the fair by
train en route for Dubuque. Only the
most meagre particulars are obtainable
and the railroad officials are extremely
reticent. It is admitted that one man,
a brakeman named Ryan, was instantly
killed, and three others were seriously
injured. There were a large number of
people on the excursion train who were
going up to pass a few hours in the re-
creation ground, and return on a late train
to this city. It is believed that many people
were killed. Had the accident occurred to
the Southbound excursion train the loss
of life would have been fearful. No
satisfactory report for the accident has
been ascertained.

ANOTHER.

OTUMWA, Iowa, July 3.—An collision
occurred on the C. & Q. road near
Glendale, thirty miles East of this city,
yesterday. An Eastbound stock train,
with two engines attached, collided with
a passenger train Westbound. Express
Manager Blumhagen was killed in the
wreck, and several others were injured.
The engines were badly demoralized. Considerable
of the stock was killed and injured.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

BALTIMORE, July 3.—An Onancock, Va.,
special says: The Northbound express
on the New York, Philadelphia and Nor-
folk Railroad jumped the track near
Eastville station last night and plunged
into a ditch. No particulars received.
All travel below Eastville station is
suspended.

THE PRESS AND THE COURTS.

The New York Journal of Commerce,
a wisely conservative journal, which
never loses its balance, thus criticizes
the verdict in the Melow trial:

When in the proper judicial spirit the
press tears the mask from hypocrisy,
suspect and pretense, it is the duty of
which wily advocates have spun over the
face of crime to conceal or palliate its
guilt, and dare to hold the criminal up
to the shame he richly deserves, it is
doing a noble work in the interest of
truth and justice.

We regret to say that some of the
papers in this country seem to be in
such fear that they shall not duly mag-
nify their vocation in this respect, that
they substitute their own prejudicial
conclusions for the facts as they are
presented, and thus do more harm than
good. The jury in the Melow case, we
trust, were not so easily misled.

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A HORROR NEAR BISHOPVILLE.

Five Negroes Assault a Young White
Man—The Man Beaten, Probably Mur-
dered—The Wife Shamefully Abused.

BISHOPVILLE, July 4.—On last Friday
two young white people, Mr. and Mrs.
Daniels, appeared in the neighborhood
of Bethlehem Church, about three miles
above here, and stopped over night with
one Ransom J. Anderson, a colored man,
and on Monday morning started out for
Bishopville to look for work. On their
way to town they were met by one Ned
Williams, a young negro, who bears a
very bad reputation, and was decoyed
by Ned into a house, where he said he
could remain during Saturday, and he
could then pilot them on Sunday to a
good place to stay until they could ob-
tain work.

On Sunday morning Ned Williams
went off, ostensibly to see about getting
a house for the young couple. His real
object, however, was to summon four of
his comrades, Ed Slater, John Williams,
his brother Tom, Charles and Preston
Jefferson, to aid him in a scheme he had
planned. The five negroes held a meet-
ing just outside of Williams's house and
in sight of their victims.

A little after dark Williams told the
young white man and his wife that he
had secured for them, and they set out
with him, but had only gone about half
way when they were met by Ned's four
companions jumped on young Daniels and
beat him, and drove him away. Then the
five, with drawn pistols, assaulted the
woman, each abusing her to his heart's
content. The poor creature, half dead,
was forced back into Ned Williams's
house, and kept there until the next
morning, when Williams's wife carried her
to the house of Preston Jefferson, and
he took her to the house of J. C. Scar-
borough's place. Cupel and his wife are
kind colored people, and she remained
with them until last night, when the
white people of the vicinity got the
first inkling of the crime.

Investigation followed and Mr. R. E.
Carnes, our Trial Justice, issued war-
rants for four men, three of whom
were taken. The fourth, being in-
nocent, was discharged this morning,
and two more were secured. At the
preliminary examination all the parties
made statements which amount in fact
to a plea of guilty. Our town is in a
fever of excitement and knots of men,
both white and colored, are seen all
about town discussing the question and
a large guard is placed over the prison-
ers to prevent any possibility of lynch-
ing.

The prisoners will be taken in the
morning to Sumter, where they will be
lodged to await the fall term of court.
Mr. O. C. Scarborough, our Judge, and
Mr. R. E. Carnes, Trial Justice, de-
serve credit for the manner in which
they have worked up this matter.

The young husband has not been heard
of since he was taken. It is believed he
has been killed. A searching party will
soon be sent to find him. Our colored
people are highly incensed and are
loud in their denunciations of this
atrocious crime. The young woman
claims to be from Marion County, and
was a Miss Nora Higgins before her
marriage to Daniels.—Special to News
and Courier.

"BLACK FRENCHMEN."

Fred Douglass on the Haytiens—He Will
Sail in September.

New York, July 2.—A Tribune Wash-
ington correspondent says: In reply to a
Tribune correspondent's question, Fred
Douglass, the colored statesman, told
the news, Minister to Haiti, yesterday
said: "I cannot say when I shall leave
for my post. Unless some unexpected
emergency arises I prefer to leave about
September 1st. The climate in Haiti is
very trying to an American. The mean
temperature is about 80 degrees, and
rises to about 100 degrees. Europeans,
who are in business at Port-au-Prince,
suffer from the climate. A few miles
distant. There the temperature is
delightful in comparison. I do not
think, by reason of my advanced age,
that my health will materially suffer."

Mr. Douglass continued: "I am well
known among the people of Haiti. You
may remember that some years ago I
was the guest of the late President
Domingue. I then was in favor of
the purchase of San Domingo; now I
am not in favor of it. I believe that
non-coercion is the best in such matters.
Let the people decide. At the period
mentioned I also visited Port-au-Prince.
I know the character of the people.
They are black Frenchmen. They are
devoted to revolutions like the French
and are contented with the present."

Well, France has had twelve revolu-
tions since 1790. I do not think the
Haytiens would indulge in so many revo-
lutions were it not for outside persons
furnishing them arms. Some of the
New York merchants instigate these
revolutions by selling arms and munitions
of war to political factions. Were they
not so readily supplied with arms for
their revolutions, they would have fewer
revolutions. I have no means of
knowing how the present revolution will
result. Hippolyte is within fifteen miles
of Port-au-Prince, but fifteen miles in
Haiti cannot be measured as in this
country. Great mountains intercept the
line of march, and the way to the Hay-
tian capital is strewn with difficulties to
Hippolyte and his men. I hope the
truth will be settled before I arrive."

Yes, Mrs. Douglass will go with me.
I trust that the climate will not affect
her health. I leave my country reluc-
tantly, and yet I appreciate the high
honor conferred upon me. I should have
preferred the office of Recorder of
Deeds. Now I am glad I was not ap-
pointed. When a foreign mission was
suggested to me I named Cairo, Egypt,
for the reason that I was a native of
that people for ethnological reasons. I
have sometimes thought that I might
with sufficient time discover a race re-
semblance between the Egyptians and
the Africans. I have given much
thought to the subject."

Another Sample of Protection.

The wages scale of the Amalgamated As-
sociation of Iron and Steel Workers for
1888-89 expired Saturday. Sixteen firms
in Ohio and Pennsylvania have signed
the scale. A number of other firms will
do likewise when repairs to their mills
are completed. There is no fear of a
strike on the iron mills over the wage
question this year. The work will prob-
ably be a fight at the Homestead Steel Works
of Carnegie & Co. in Pittsburgh, where
5,000 men are employed. Saturday
afternoon word was given to close down
the works for repairs, and the men were
given to understand that they will not
be re-employed until they had consented
to accept the firm's scale, which pro-
vides for a reduction of at least 25 per
cent. on the whole. The men assert that
the scale will not be signed, and the
firm say if the reduction is not accepted
the mill will be started with non-union
men.

The Hayley, Idaho, Fire.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 3.—Further de-
tails of yesterday's fire at Hayley, Idaho,
are to the effect that all the business
portion of the town was destroyed ex-
cept Friedman's fire proof hotel. There
is left a lumber yard, a grocery store,
one saloon and one dry goods store.
The fire did not reach the residen-
tial portion of the town, and no suf-
fering exists among the people. Loss
\$500,000 with light insurance.

The Parnell Investigation.

LONDON, July 3.—Michael Davitt was
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today. Davitt declared there was no
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ELLENBURG, Washington Territory,
July 3.—Ten blocks of the best portion
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sumed that it was the result of the cele-
bration of the national holiday, as it was
started soon after the inauguration of a
display of fireworks last evening.

The Parnell Investigation.

DEATH IN THE PORK

SUFFERING OF A MAN WHO ATE IT
IMPROPERLY COOKED.

He Was Literally Eaten Up—Millions of
Minute Worms Destroyed All the Mus-
cles in His Body.

New York, June 30.—Joseph Palmi,
a laborer, died at the Bellevue Hospital
Wednesday, of that fortunately rare,
but extremely painful disease, trichinosis.
This disease may be described to the non-
technical reader as the propagation and
infinite multiplication of minute living
worms in the muscles of the entire sys-
tem. It usually arises from the incau-
tious use of raw or partially cooked pork.

On last Saturday afternoon the police
summoned an ambulance to No. 49
West street to remove a man who was
suffering from a severe attack of inflam-
matory rheumatism. Dr. Henderson, the ambulance surgeon,
so reported the case on his arrival, and
it was thus entered on the books. But
when Dr. D. H. Williams, Jr., proceeded
to examine the patient in his ward, he
could not find the cause of the trouble.
The inflammatory rheumatism, an
interpreter was summoned, when
Joseph was closely examined as to his
experiences. He stated that the acute
pains of which he complained had begun
June