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SHOT THE GIRL DEAD.

Celia Peterson, Aged Twenty, Ruthlessly Murdered at St. Louis Park.

Her Brother-in-Law Perpetrates the Deed for No Apparent Reason.

The Murderer Takes to the Woods for Safety From His Pursuers.

He Returns, However, and Fatally Shoots Himself Near His Home.

An awful murder and attempted suicide occurred at St. Louis Park last night at 10 o'clock. Hans Olson, intending to shoot his wife, killed her sister, Miss Celia Peterson, and an hour and a half later sent two bullets crashing through his own brain.

The murder was committed about 10 o'clock. Mrs. Alice Olsen, the wife of the murderer, and two sisters were returning from church, arm in arm, at that hour, when Olson came upon them in the darkness, just as they were about to ascend the steps leading to the porch.

He fired two shots, the bullets whizzing close to his wife's head, while her sister Celia turned, placed her hands against his breast and begged him not to murder his wife.

His answer was another shot, and Celia fell upon the steps, which he had partially ascended. She never uttered another word. The ball entered her chest a little above and to the right of the heart, and the pistol was held so close to her that her chin and neck were discolored by the powder.

Her clothing caught fire, and blazing up toward the underbrush in its glare, her father rushed from the house, and, grasping the flames, carried the lifeless form into the house.

The reports of the revolver had aroused the neighborhood, and the people came flocking from all directions. After the body had been cared for, there was an attempt to form a posse to capture the murderer, as it was thought that he had fled. But as they were about to set out, Olson's voice was suddenly heard a short distance from the house.

He called to the girl's father to come out that he wished to talk to him, but the latter did not appear, as Olson had previously threatened that he would kill his wife's parents. Suddenly another report broke the stillness.

The murderer groaned and cried out that he had shot himself in the side. He was found on his neighbors to come to him, but warned him not to come too near. He said that he still had two bullets in his revolver, one for the first man that came near him, and the other to finish himself.

He announced that he would soon shoot himself again, as the first shot did not do the business. The second report came, and Olson became quiet. The neighbors now rushed up to him. The last bullet had entered the right side of his head, a little below the ear, rendering him unconscious. There he was found on his side with his hands tightly clasped and blood covering his face and body.

With the uncertain light of the lanterns flitting here and there, the sight was a ghastly one—the lamentations of the bereaved mother at the house mingling with the gurgling groans of the prostrate murderer. A bedspang was procured to be used as a stretcher, and this desperately wounded man was placed upon it and carried to the school house a short distance away. As he was carried by the home he had so ruthlessly bereaved, his wife came out to look upon his face.

"Why did he drink that stuff?" she moaned, and that expressed in part the whole trouble. Olson had been drinking for nearly two weeks. Mrs. Alice Olsen, who so narrowly escaped with her life, stated that her husband was thirty-five years of age. His drinking habits and his disposition had caused trouble between them, and for four years they had lived apart.

The Change of Life. Women nearing this critical period require strength, health, and cheerful spirits. The sole aim of this time should be to keep well. The invaluable aid always is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The girl about to enter womanhood can find the same assistance from the same source. Mrs. W. W. Culver, Palatka, Fla., writes: "I was in ill health from change of life. I took your compound and am now well. I recommend it as the best remedy for all weakness through the many changes which all women have to pass from early life to the grave."

TRUST DISTILLERS TO CLOSE.

Prussia, Ill., May 14.—It is said the order to shut down the distilleries will take effect as soon as practicable. Already one distillery in Pekin has closed, and the Woolner Bros' house in this city will cease running this week. It is expected that all will be closed by the 1st of June. The order does not alone apply to this city, but to trust houses throughout the country.

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