

where she stopped for a time and talked with the girls there.

Before leaving home, Pearl told her folks that she intended to go berrying the following day, and so, when she got down just below the sand-cut on the Western road, she turned off on a by-path and went over the hill to the cemetery. Her tracks are plainly visible in the sand along this route and they show that she went up as far as the cemetery, where she turned and cut across from the Mansfield road to the old Blaney road. Just as she was passing onto the latter road she was met by Mrs. John Gersky, who, with her mother and several children, were out picking berries. Mrs. Gersky spoke to Pearl but received no reply. This was the last time she was seen alive. From where she struck the road, her tracks in the sand indicate that she passed down the road as far as Blaney Creek. This creek is not over half a mile from the old ball ground and the road to it is a very lonely one—a place, it seems, fitted by nature for the perpetration of such a dastardly crime. After reaching the creek she turned and came back on the road about fifty rods and it was at this place that the body was found.

SUSPENSE.

Night came on and no Pearl returned to the Morrison home, but yet, her parents did not feel like giving any alarm, as they knew Pearl's disposition and did not like to make any unneces-

sary trouble. Mr. Morrison started out to hunt her up, however, and was out most of the night, returning to the Western location at daybreak next morning, where he searched until about 8 o'clock when he came to town and asked for help. A number of men and boys started for the other side of the river and they searched until noon, when things began to look so serious that they returned to town and organized a searching party. About fifty men were gathered together and they repaired to the old ball ground to organize.

THE FIND.

In the meantime a tramp came to the Brooks residence, near the Western location, and gave a small copper breast pin with a tiny American flag in it to one of the Brooks girls, saying that he got it off the dead body of a girl that was laying over across the hill. He asked the girls to go with him and he would show them the place. They hesitated at first but finally consented to go with him to the place he indicated. He took them over and showed them the corpse and they hastened back to notify the officers when they met the advance members of the searching party and conducted them to the spot. About thirty feet from the road, in a clump of bushes, and shaded by a large pine stump lay the body of the dead girl. There was a small hole in the ground and the body had been thrown into it, which,

with the bushes, weeds and stump, completely hid it from view. The searchers had passed within ten feet of it during the morning without seeing it, and the judgment of all is, that only a miracle would bring it to the attention of a person that did not know it was there. One look was enough to convince the most obdurate that it was a case of outrage and murder.

The clothes were badly torn, showing that the victim had not accomplished his purpose without a struggle. The gloves worn by the girl were torn into shreds, and the underclothing was torn from the body. The body was badly bruised, and blood was oozing from the mouth and ears. The tongue protruded from the mouth and the condition of the face and neck showed that she had been strangled to death.

Dr. Darling, who happened to be on the ground at the time, was summoned, and pronounced it a case of murder.

HELD ON SUSPICION.

Peter Bons, a tramp, is locked up in the county jail and circumstantial evidence points strongly to him as the man who murdered Pearl Morrison. He tells a very plausible story, however, which the closest questioning local talent can pour into him fails to shake. Bons is a typical tramp both in dress and manners, and the pair of hands which he carries about with him are unmistakable evidence of his aversion for work. His nerve is