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## HORRIBLE HOMICIDE.

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### A Promising Career Suddenly and Sadly Terminated by a Careless Hand.

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The admonition that "in the midst of life we are in death" has come to this community in a sad way this week, and the unerring archer commissioned with death has sent his shaft to the heart of a respected fellow citizen. On Tuesday Frank L. Axtell drove to the claim of Omund Nelson, some seven miles east of Cooperstown, for the purpose of carrying luncheon to some men there at work planting trees. As Mr. Axtell drove up to the group (they had quit work for dinner) he received a charge of buckshot in the chest that ended his exemplary life instantly, dying before he fell from the seat. The man to blame for the accident was Daniel Danielson, an employe of Mr. Nelson, who had been and was handling the gun. It seems he lay flat on the ground with the gun resting over a gopher mound, the muzzle pointing upwards at about 30 degrees angle. As the muzzle pointed direct at Mr. Axtell, on halting his horse, he playfully pointed his cane at Danielson remarking: "Oh, your'e nowhere with your gun." Alas, those were his last words, for in one moment his soul was marching to eternity, as in some maneuver of Danielson the weapon was discharged with the above result.

On Wednesday Coroner Virgo swore Capt. M. Robinson, Sam'l Homme and Steen H. Nelson in as jurors, and proceeded with an examination. The verdict returned was that he came to his death "by a gun discharged in an unaccountable way." The remains were interred under direction of Dr. Virgo, at Mardell yesterday. Mr. Frank L. Axtell was about 28 or 29 years of age, and had no living relatives except one step-brother whose whereabouts is unknown. He was a native of Lenawee county, Michigan, a graduate of the Law Department of Michigan university, and has been a practicing attorney of this county for two years. He was much esteemed by all who knew him, and his untimely call to the misty beyond casts a shadow of gloom upon the entire community.

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