

STORIES OF THE SECRET SERVICE

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STORY No. 3 The Bothamley Murder Mystery

Being an Account of the Efforts Made by This Government to Bring to Justice the Murderer of Clement L. Bothamley, an Englishman Killed in Kansas.

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Her death was followed by a season of physical and mental suffering on the part of Bothamley, and this fact was one of the strongest arguments produced by the advocates of the suicide theory.

Personally, I did not believe that the Englishman had sent a bullet through his own brain. I believe the records of crime will bear me out in this general conclusion—that the man who flings moral and legal obligations to the winds and elopes with Mrs. Miller, seldom molded of such delicate clay as to blow out his brains when his companion in sin dies.

In additional support of my belief that Bothamley had been murdered, there were several corroborative physical circumstances. One of the most convincing of these was the fact, well established by science, that the human animal instinctively shuts the point of a pistol to the eye when about to take its own life.

But the murder, if it was such, could never be established, and the guilt of the murderer proved, with theories. The case was under the general supervision of United States District Attorney J. R. Hollowell, but the local authorities had done about all that lay in their power.

The Indian Knew. Col. C. O. Shepard, who is examining Indians of the United Indian agency at Muskogee, I. T., regarding their fitness to manage their own property outright, asks a great many questions, some of which must seem rather elementary to the better educated Indian.

little time before the death of Bothamley his companion had mailed two letters. The post is not overburdened at an office like Skeleton ranch, and the postmaster had plenty of time to inspect addresses of incoming and outgoing mail.

This discovery raised the question of the identity of Sarah A. Laws. Dilligent inquiry failed to reveal such a woman, and, had she lived in the county, it was unlikely that she could not be located.

The discovery of her real identity was not a matter calling for any great effort. While at the Bothamley ranch, where she had passed as his sister, she had been identified as Mrs. Nellie Bailey, the daughter of a Kansas rancher and carpenter named G. F. Bothamley.



SAW BOTHAMLEY LYING ON THE FLOOR DEAD.

stances, grouped them into a narrative which he would have recited to the suspect, who, thereupon, as a tribute to the skill of the detective, would have broken down and tearfully confessed the crime.

She was shrewd enough to know that the drear plains had furnished no witness to what had transpired in the little house on wheels on October 7. She knew that any case made against her must be purely circumstantial.

do with the money, and replied that he would improve his land and buy and feed stock, principally hogs. "Do you know anything about feeding hogs?" asked Col. Shepard.

straight is not classed as masculine. These were traits of the plains, desirable rather than otherwise, even in a pretty woman.

From the time Nellie Bothamley had gone into long skirts she had associated principally with men, among whom she was a favorite; and neighborhood gossip recorded numerous love affairs of more or less earnestness.

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to settle there, and took rooms at the Wright house. In a few days Mrs. Bailey plunged into another flirtation, as furious as the first. Another scene resulted, ending in separation.

The professor says that he himself dissected the body of a man 36 hours after he had been executed, and that on picking up with a needle the nerve of the tick he discovered that it was alive.

Catherine Beran is a charming Welshwoman of long ago. She had so many husbands and so numerous were her progeny that, says the Rev. S. Baring-Gould in his recent book about her country, she is known to genealogists as the "Mother of Wales."

injustice. And here I wish to say that in many years of work in hunting down and securing evidence against criminals of all kinds—a career begun in 1856—I have never been dishonest in trying to manufacture evidence against any person suspected or accused, and I have never formed premature notions of the guilt or innocence of a suspect, always reserving conclusions on this point until the facts gleaned forced such conclusions.

On April 24 the Baileys moved into their De Smet home. For three days Bailey was seen about town in good health and spirits, engaged in the petty affairs connected with the furnishing of his home.

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Remarkable Instance of Continued Animation After Severance of the Head. An extraordinary incident which occurred at the guillotining at Orleans of the murderer Languille has been interestingly explained by Prof. Hartsmann, a famous Paris surgeon.

Roosevelt and Uncle Jake. This story is told about President Roosevelt and an aged dandy called Uncle Jake. The old colored man was very religious, and was considered a pillar of the church he attended.

Outside the churchyard stood Maurice Wynn of Gwydir, awaiting a decent opportunity of proposing to her. As she issued from the gate he did this. "Very sorry," said the widow, with some regret, "but I have just accepted Sir Richard Clough. Should I survive him I will marry you."

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PREPARING FOR WINTER. A Little Forethought and Care Will Save Many a Dollar for the Farmer.

Many farmers whose constant cry is that farming does not pay, allow a large proportion of their crops to waste in the field through lack of forethought, and many others store their crops in barns and sheds that are not at all suitable.

Everything in the tool and machinery line used on the farm should be housed in winter. If there is no room for it in the barn or shed, an excellent plan is to construct a shed of poles and corrals which will effectively keep the storm from them and thus save hundreds of dollars.

IN THE POULTRY YARD. Get the hens out of the molt and prepare them for the fall and winter harvest.

Black Walnut and Peach Trees. The statement has often been made that peach trees will not bear profitably if set near black walnuts.

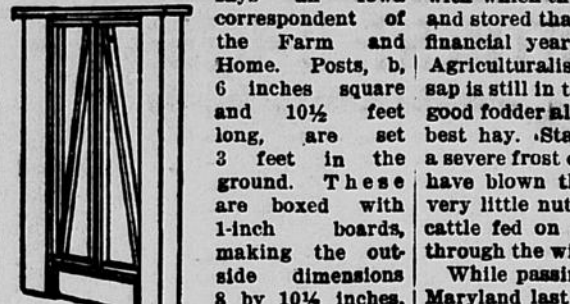
Ridding My Barn of Rats. For ridding my barn of rats I put on a number of pieces of shingles a teaspoonful of molasses and a small quantity of concentrated lye.

Lettuce for Fowls. Lettuce is one of the best green foods for fowls and quite a bunch of it can be grown on a small space.

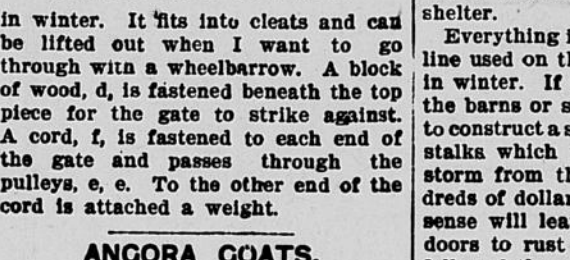
THE FARMING WORLD

A SELF-CLOSING GATE.

Convenience Which One Poultry-Raiser Has Provided for His Hen Yard.



I have a gate to my poultry yard which has proved very convenient, says an Iowa correspondent of the Farm and Home. Posts, b, 6 inches square and 10 1/2 feet long, are set 3 feet in the ground.



PLAN OF GATE, TOP VIEW.

in winter. It fits into cleats and can be lifted out when I want to go through with a wheelbarrow. A block of wood, d, is fastened beneath the top piece for the gate to strike against.

ANGORA GOATS.

Experience of Lumber Firm in Michigan in Clearing Brush Land by Their Aid. A lumber firm in northern Michigan having large tracts of cut-over hardwood lands and wanting to clear part of it for a farm or ranch were, early in 1904, influenced by an article in one of the farm journals to utilize the Angora goat to keep down the brush, briars, weeds and undergrowth until the land could be seeded to tame grasses and then graze cattle and horses on it until the hardwood stumps would rot out, which will be only a matter of a few years.

They wintered the lot on the roughest, cheapest hay they could find, using no grain or heavy feed whatever, except a small amount of culled beans fed to the weaker ones and to the bucks during the breeding season.

Where they are particularly valuable as brush cleaners for cleaning up brush land. It would be difficult to exaggerate this part of their usefulness, as they will eat any and all kinds of brush and weeds, seeming to prefer them to grass, while the brush that is too large for them to consume they kill by peeling the bark from it.

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