

THE
TRIAL OF PROFESSOR
JOHN WHITE WEBSTER

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Us. Webster.



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PROFESSOR WEBSTER.
[Frontispiece.]

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APPENDIX A

paid for INFORMATION which leads to the recovery of a Lepine turned-case Watch : ladies' size, full gold dial, black figures, steel hands, no second hand.
F. B. Adams & Sons, St. John Street, London.

FRANCIS TUKEY, *City Marshall.*
Police Office, City Hall.

\$1000 REWARD!

Any information has been obtained respecting the murder since the afternoon of Friday last, and fears are being allayed, the above Reward will be paid on the recovery of his body.

ROBERT G. SHAW.

1849.

APPENDIX B

CHARLES DICKENS' STORY

A singular incident was related by Charles Dickens in a letter to Lord Lytton, which is quoted in Forster's Life of the novelist :

" Just before Christmas of 1867, being in Cambridge on my second American tour, I went over the Medical School in order to see the exact localities where Professor Webster did that amazing murder and worked so hard to rid himself of the body of the murdered man. At the house where I afterwards dined I heard an amazing and fearful story, told by one who had been at a dinner party at Webster's less than a year before the murder. They began rather uncomfortably in consequence of one of the guests (the victim of an instinctive antipathy) crying out, with the sweat pouring down his face : ' O Heaven ! There's a cat somewhere in the room ! ' The cat being ejected, they were getting on a little better when, over the wine, Webster suddenly told the servants to turn the gas off and bring in ' that bowl of burning minerals ' which he had prepared. All this was done. Some peculiar quality in the flames caused every man to look horror-stricken, at his neighbour, Webster being seen bending over the bowl with a rope round his neck, holding up the end of the rope, with his head on one side and his tongue lolled out, to represent a hanged man ! "